

“So Great a Salvation”
Hebrews 2:1-4

The first of five warning passages in Hebrews: Don't drift. For genuine believers there is great reward for walking faithfully, but there is also great loss if we live for anyone other than Jesus Christ.

- ◇ Warning #1: Don't Drift
 - Reformed: drifting past eternal life
 - Reformed perspective suggests they never had salvation to begin with.
 - Problem with Reformed: author is addressing genuine believers including himself.
 - Arminian: drifting away from eternal life
 - Arminian perspective suggests they had salvation but lost it.
 - Problem with Arminian: misunderstands context for the term “salvation.”
 - Jewish: drifting away from kingdom inheritance
 - The proper perspective
 - Author is speaking to Jewish believers from a Jewish perspective.
- ◇ Why? Higher Accountability
- ◇ How?
 - Pay Closest Attention
 - Angelic assistance
 - Our great High Priest
 - The family of God

Study Questions: Hebrews 2:1-4

Begin with open-ended, general questions. Perhaps simply ask people to discuss their own observations or what was most significant to them from the text.

How does the author define "salvation" in this context (participation in the kingdom reign of Jesus Christ)? What clues do you observe in chapters 1-2?

Why do we tend to drift away from, or neglect, our salvation?

Why does our future "salvation" fail to motivate us at times?

How can we avoid drifting?

What resources are available to us to avoid drifting?

How do we need to think or act differently in order to pay closer attention to our salvation?

What are your greatest motivations for walking faithfully with the Lord?