

The first warning of Hebrews - The Danger
of Drifting - Careless neglectful hearing of the
Word - Heb 2:1-4

vs 1 - Sia - "it is binding", "it is necessary." The work
marks the logical necessity. "we must."

ΠΕΡΙΓΕΓΟΤΕΡΩΣ - Comp adv - "more abundantly",
"more earnestly" - already a note of urgency
is sounded - something about to be said is
preceded by words of superlative urgency. -
to a much greater degree.

Outline of passage

- 1 - The Danger, warning of Drifting - a careless neglect of
the things we have heard
 - (1) Two fold salvation - initial (out of Egypt) (Hell)
Full (into Canaan) (Rest + Reward)
 - (2) Therefore lay a firm grip - diligence & effort
required in this second stage - In old T. the first
was to stand still & see & defeat the Egyptians but
they had to fight to enter into Canaan - same of us
- 2 - The Solution - Deliverance - "give more earnest heed"
- 3 - The Disaster - "How shall we escape" - the
sins of Israel: overthrown in wilderness, shot of
Canaan, Rest. why? (1) The Deputy of speaker
(2) The faithfulness of Jews with (3) attested by O, Holy Spirit.
(4) If O punished lesser infractions, how much more
us

Why the emphasis on angels in ch. 1, etc? - Their infatuation w/ angelic worship, something better than ordinary Jesus.

Intro Is this not greatest need of Church & Christians everywhere? A former grasp, a more serious attitude toward what we have heard? - obedience to the one who speaks? (cf 12:25)

Ok Word
Rest: release from tension

exposed - The so great salvation, has become not so great

- 1 - The Danger - drifting, thru neglect.
- 2 - The Danger explained - Θ spoke & the word validated by witnesses & the word authenticated by signs

- 3 - The Danger escaped - "Let us hold Θ more firmly

Intro 1:1-4 - Θ has spoken, revealing & redeeming -
Thru a Son - the magnificent splendor, our salvation -
So great salvation.

But there is a danger - not to reject it but to neglect it - let it slip, drift past the harbor -
What harbor? Obedience & faith to enter into Rest.
Pure earnest heed - 4 - the things we have heard -
"from the beginning." The old truths of holiness, righteousness,
etc - our attention drawn away to new-fangled truths. Bored w/ the old, excited w/ the old -
@ Earnest heed = serious attention to obey & response - our response must match in worthiness what Θ has revealed - Does it.

This week = Determine to get a fresh glimpse & grip Θ upon the truths we have heard.

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Heb 2:1-4

verse 1

① The main reason for which the Son's superiority to angels has been so emphasized now begins to appear... O's final revelation was given in His Son, & therefore demands correspondingly serious attention. The truths & teachings of the Gospel must not be held lightly; they are of supreme moment, they are matters of life & death, & must be cherished & obeyed at all costs. The danger of drifting away from them, & so losing them, cannot be treated too gravely.

"lest haply we drift away from them"
contemplates Xians as in peril of being carried downstream past a fixed landing place & so failing to gain its security.

Our author is warning Xian readers, who have heard & accepted the Gospel, that if they yield to the temptation to abandon their profession their plight is hopeless.
(NJB)

② Although this paragraph is clearly parenthetical, the opening word Therefore shows that it is related to chapt one. It is this link which gives greater force to the exhortation & warnings. Because of the

Earnest heed: 1- To things ahead, work = angel worship, when
challenge, something better (2)
2- Earnest heed = a firm grip on them = seriously +
3- Drift = carelessness, apathy, indifference, ^{obediently}
pressure, trials, new ideas

greatness of His person & the dignity of His office,
& the greatness of the revelation which He brought,
& His superiority over angels, there rests upon
the readers the logical necessity & moral
obligation to give me more earnest heed
to me things which were spoken by the
Lnd.

"The things", the gospel, & "to give heed," suggests
that very close attention should be given to
it until its power & authority have convinced
the hearers of its truthfulness. Failure to do
~~so~~ this carries w/ it the danger expressed
in the words lest ... we should let them
slip from our minds.

The Jews to whom the author is
writing were in great danger of drifting away
from the truth of the Gospel under the pressure
of trial & through apathy & indifference.
(Tyndale)

The Greek words

δεῖ - impersonal used w/ the acc. & the inf. "it is
binding," "it is necessary." The word marks the
logical necessity "we must." (FR)

περισσότερος - more exceedingly, to a greater degree -

of w/ περισσός over + above, excessive, abundant, overflowing (Foster)

- Comp. adv. "more abundantly," more earnestly". The word could have here almost an elative sense, "w/ extreme care." (FR)
- even more, to a much greater degree (Bingrich)

~~Παραπρωμεν~~

προσέχειν - pres. act. (g. inf. to give heed to, to give attention to. The word is commonly used of bringing a ship to land - (FR)

- I direct the mind, I attend to, pay attention to, I am cautious, I beware, I attach myself to, I devote myself. (Foster)
- be concerned about, care for, w/ dative, occupy oneself w/, devote or apply oneself to; be addicted - 1 Tim 3:8 - (Bingrich)