

# Hebrew 1

vs

ΠΟΛΥΜΕΡΩΣ - in many ways

ΠΟΛΥΤΡΟΠΩΣ - in various ways

Πάλαι - denoting past time, long ago, formerly  
covering a period of time.

λαλήσας - spoke

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ἔσχάτου - last

ἔθηκεν - from τίθειμι - to put, used to appointment  
to any form of service

κληρονόμον - figuratively, of persons, who as O's  
son, receives something as a possession from him.

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ἀπαύγασμα - radiance, effulgence -

a shining forth, of a light coming from a  
luminous body -

Χαρακτήρ - impress, reproduction, representation.

Character - denotes, first, a tool for  
graving, engraving - then, a stamp or ~~seal~~  
impress, as on a coin or a seal -

The phrase expresses the fact that the Son is  
both personally distinct from, & yet literally  
equal to, Him of whose essence He is the  
adequate imprint.

ὙΠΟΒΤΑΘΕΩΣ - substantial nature, essence,  
actual being, reality.

« The very image of God's substance - here the  
word has the meaning of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> real nature  
of that to which reference is made in  
contrast to the outward manifestation; it  
speaks of the Divine essence of God existent &  
expressed in the revelation of His Son.

Φέρω - bear, carry, bear patiently, put up  
w/, endure -  
bring w/ one, bring along,  
move out of position

καθαρίζω - make clean, cleanse, purify. - used  
of healing of diseases which make a person  
ceremonially clean, esp. leprosy, so he can worship  
& serve God.

Hebrews 2:1-4

Verse 1

περισσότερως - adverb - more earnest  
over & above, excessive,  
abundant, overflowing; superfluous.

προσέχειν - direct the mind, attend to, pay  
attention to.

μηποτε - lest at any time.

παρὰρῶμεν - ὁ παρὰρῶ - I flow past, I  
glide past, I drift away.

[Παρά = by; ῶ, to flow - in Heb 2:1 where  
the significance is flowing or passing by, without  
giving due heed to a thing. (Vine)]

① The opening words of this chapter illustrate the  
writer's habit of interweaving his practical  
exhortations into the body of his argument,  
unlike Paul, who defers them until the end.

Therefore - because you have received a revelation  
superior to that of the old dispensation, &  
given to you than one who is superior  
to angels.

should drift past them. used of snow slipping  
off from the soldier's helmet; of a ring  
slipping from the finger.

The idea is in sharp contrast w/ giving  
earnest heed. Lose from truth &  
goodness is more often the result of  
inattention than design.

(Vine)

Drifting indicates a slow, almost imperceptible action, carelessness, inattention or over-confidence.

② - she deduces the warning that neglect of this salvation will produce ~~heavier penalties~~ incur heavier punishment than ~~that which was~~ those who neglected the word spoken by angels.

"we must give more expression here"

He means to disclose the significance of what they have already heard, ready than to bring forward new truth.

Drift - of an arrow slipping from the ~~gun~~ quiver; of food slipping aside into the windpipe, (E6T)

③ There is always in men a tendency to forgetfulness of a past message under the influence of new forces. The authority of the message is a measure of the danger of such neglect (1,2); & the Gospel comes to us w/ the highest possible attestation in regard to its Author & its messengers, & the manifold witness of & by which it was confirmed.

Drift = the idea is not that of simple forgetfulness, but of being ~~slowly~~ swept along past the sure anchorage which is within reach.

The image is singularly expressive. we are all ~~continually~~ continuously exposed to the action of currents of opinion, habit, action, which tend to carry us away insensibly from the position which we

ought to maintain. (Westcott)

The safeguard against drifting is to give  
our earnest heed ~~to~~ to the things we have  
heard = the old, familiar message -

[ Stability is not found in seeking new truths &  
a new message - Gurn - just the cross ]

What makes it "so great a salvation?" Note  
The greatness does not consist in what  
it does for us - but its greatness consists  
in its message - it reveals the greatness  
of our Lord! Too much emphasis today  
on what we get ~~out~~ out of it; it  
is self-centered, self-concerned - rather  
that D-centered - the spot light is  
thrown on us rather than on Him.

The danger of underwriting, depreciating,  
taken for granted, having a flippant,  
nonchalant, cavalier attitude toward  
the Gospel - Failure to take it seriously

neglect, not resist.

How shall we escape? Escape what? - being  
carried off by other currents - The only  
way you can ~~not~~ resist the currents,  
not be at their mercy, is by give more  
earnest heed to things heard.