

A WARNING AGAINST  
THE PERIL OF DRIFTING THROUGH NEGLECT  
Hebr. 2:1-4

- I. The Connection Of Warning. "Therefore" refers to all that has gone before or in the light of Christ's superiority in divine revelation and over angels.
- II. The Necessity Of The Warning. "We laugh" or "It behooves us more abundantly" or "we must give heed." We have a greater responsibility than O. T. saints to give heed.
- III. The Seriousness Of The Warning. "Lest haply we drift away from them" or "Lest we should glide by them." The figures here is that of a boat drifting beyond its rightful place of anchorage with no captain, crew, oars, or sails, but its fate is left to the winds and currents of the sea.
- IV. The Reasons Upon Which The Warning Is Based.
  - a. Transgressors, or those who disregarded the law were punished.
  - b. Disobedience, or those who neglected the law were punished.
  - c. He concludes if we were punished, how much more would those who neglected the gospel be punished.
- V. The Justification Of The Warning.
  - a. Judgment followed swiftly upon those who disobeyed the confirmed word spoken by angels, and he reasoned that justification would demand swifter judgment for those who neglected the gospel.
  - b. God would be justified in administering the punishment because the gospel:
    - (1) Was given not through angels but through His Son or the Lord.
    - (2) It was confirmed by them who heard Him. Disciples, apostles, etc.
    - (3) It was confirmed by God with:
      - a. Tokens of God's seal of the person. Tone and voice
      - b. Wonders. Astonishing events which the beholder can reduce to no law with which he is acquainted.

- c. Drivers Miracles. Healing, raising the dead, etc.
- d. Gifts of the Holy Ghost. Tongues, interpretation, discernment, etc.
- e. According to His own will. It was God's own chosen affair.
- f. Great salvation. For surpassing anything in the Old Covenant.