

## Sermon Notes

### *There Is No Reason to Turn Back!* *An Exposition of the Book of Hebrews*

#05 – “The Concern Over Drifting” – Hebrews 2:1-4

#### I. Introduction

##### A. Ocean currents and the tendency to drift.

1. Pastor Don’s experience
  - a. Hebrews 2:1

##### B. Christianity is concerned about the truth and not drifting away from it.

1. John 14:6

##### C. Today’s text – Hebrews 2:1-4

#### II. Exposition

##### A. Hebrews 2:1

1. “For this reason” or “therefore” – Based upon what has been said thus far, now here this.
2. “Drifting away” – Greek is a nautical term.
  - a. Key thought: It almost happens unnoticed.
3. “Pay much closer attention”
  - a. Also connected to a nautical application – to hold a ship in port.
  - b. Sheep apathy will lead to great peril – John 8:32-33.

##### B. Hebrews 2:2-3

1. The writer is highlighting the weighty message delivered at Sinai. Angels in some way mediated to Moses what God said.
  - a. Deut. 32:2; Ps. 68:17; Gal. 3:19; Acts 7:53
2. Every transgression of the law required retribution.

- a. Note: The Gospel does not invite repentance it requires repentance.

##### 3. The Son is the mediator of the New Covenant.

- a. Hebrews 8:6; 9:15; 12:24

##### 4. “After it was first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard,” verse 3.

- a. The greatness of the preached message is heightened by who preached it – Jesus.
- b. The proclaimed message is rooted in Christ Himself.

#### C. Hebrews 2:4

##### 1. Unusual Greek grammatical construction.

##### 2. Message was delivered by Jesus and attested to by the apostles through signs and wonders.

- a. John 10:38

##### 3. How do we heed the gospel?

- a. First: The Gospel is full of glory. Let us continue to reflect on its wonder.
- b. Second: “To hold the gospel is to dig it up like treasure,” David McWilliams.
- c. Third: Believing is the end of hearing. Belief equates to life.

#### III. Points for Reflection

##### A. There is a notion in today’s church that theology, confessional documents and creeds are all passé and not pertinent to Christian living.

##### B. Hebrews is full of warnings to the professing church. We must heed them for destruction awaits the apathetic.

##### C. How shall we escape so great a salvation?

1. Matthew 22:1-5; Hebrews 2:3

##### D. What do we pay attention to?