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A just weight
and balance

are the
LORD'S:

Thus saith the Lord...

- Hebrews 1:1-2

*God has in these
last days
spoken unto us
by his Son,*

- Are you listening?

- Hebrews 2:1

Therefore

**we ought to give
the more earnest heed
to the things
which we have heard,
lest at any time
we should let *them* slip.**

- In this verse,
and in those which
immediately follow,
the apostle specifies
a duty
to be performed.

- "Therefore,"
looks back to
all the varied glories
which set forth
Christ's superiority
named in the
previous chapter.

- Because He is “God’s “Son,” therefore give heed.
- Because He is “the Heir of all things,” therefore give heed.
- Because He “made the worlds,” therefore give heed.

- ***"The Queen of the South came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon"***
- **But a greater than Solomon
is here
(Mathew 12:42)**

- It was usual with the prophets to preface their utterances with a "*Thus saith the Lord,*"
 - Used over 400 times in O.T.
 - Here the apostle refers to the person of the Lord Himself as the argument for hearing what He said.

- **"We ought to give the more earnest heed."**
 - Here the apostle addresses **the responsibility of his readers.**
 - **The Greek verb** is very strong and emphatic;
 - It is often translated **"must."**
 - **1 Timothy 3:2,** **"A bishop must be blameless";**
 - **It is his duty.**

- **It is not an arbitrary matter,**
left to our own whim
to do or not to do.
 - **It is a Divine precept,**
and God has commanded us
"to keep His precepts diligently"
(**Psalms 119:4**).
 - It is for
our own happiness.

- The writer is arguing from the less to the greater.
 - He has in his mind two revelations.
- One was the revelation of the law which came by the medium of the angels, that is to say, the Ten Commandments.
- Now any breach of that law was followed by strict and just punishment.

- **The other argument**
was the revelation
which came through
Jesus Christ, the Son.
 - Because it is
infinitely greater than
the revelation of God's truth
brought by the **angels;**
 - And therefore
any transgression of it
must be followed by
a far more terrible punishment.

- If men cannot neglect the revelation which came through the angels,
- How much less can they neglect the revelation which came through the Son?

- The penalty of neglecting this last word of God is great.

- So the writer ask:

“How shall we escape?”

- The penalty is enhanced by the nature of the word.

- It is a word of infinite grace.

- The old word was a word of duty.
 - If breaches of the law had penalties attached, what must be the consequence of despising the gospel?

- In the first verse there is a very vivid picture.
- It is a picture of a ring that has slipped off the finger;
 - A topic that has slipped into the conversation;
- Of something slowly leaking.
 - Of something carelessly being allowed to become lost.

Warning Against Neglecting Salvation

Hebrews 2:2

**For if the word
spoken
by angels
was steadfast,**

- Why does the Apostle speak about the **angels**?
 - He has shown from Psalm 2;92,110; 2 Samuel 7
 - That Jesus is none other than God,
 - And that therefore in His humanity also
 - He is highly exalted above all angels.

- **We know nothing about angels,**
except what God pleases to tell us.
- All that men have imagined about them
is of no importance,
unless it agrees with
the Divine record.
- And Scripture tells us
of the angels only,
as it were,
incidentally.

- Notice the multitude of the angels.
 - ***"We have come to an innumerable company of angels."***
(Hebrews 12:22)
 - **Revelation 5:11**
and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

- There are legions of angels.
 - There are the cherubim and the seraphim.
- This kingdom is intimately connected with the kingdom of grace.
 - When a sinner is converted the angels rejoice,
(**Luke 15:10**)
 - And when Jesus comes again the angels will come with Him.
(**1 Thess 4:16**)

- The Parable of the Lost Coin

Luke 15:8 ... what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find *it*?

15:9 And when she hath found *it*, she calleth *her* friends and *her* neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.

15:10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

- Glorious as the angels are,
they are in subjection
to Jesus.
- For in His human nature
God has enthroned Him
above all things.
- Their relation to Jesus fixes
also their relation to us.
- ***"Are they not all ministering spirits,
sent forth to minister to those
who shall be heirs of salvation?"***
(Hebrews 1:14)

- The allusion is to the danger of failing to recognize:
- Its superior character of grace and truth.
(John 1: 14)

- **Grace** has the idea of something **completely undeserved.**

- The word grace emphasizes at one and the same time **the helpless poverty of man**

- And the unlimited **kindness of God.**

- Men had for ages thought of God in terms of power and judgment.
- But in Jesus men are confronted with the sheer loveliness of God.
- A new idea of forgiveness and compassion.

- Jesus did not come to talk to men about God;
 - He came to show men what God is like,

- Jesus is the one who,
amidst the shadows,
makes things clear;

- Who,
at the
crossroads of life,
shows us
the right way;

- Who at the moment of indecision, enables us to choose aright;

- Who, amidst the many confusing voices, tells us what to believe.

- The truth which Jesus brings liberates us from fear of God.

- John 4:18

***There is no fear in love;
but perfect love
casts out fear:
because fear
has torment.***

- **Perfect love**

liberates us from
frustration of life

- Informs us to what
life is all about?

- Liberates us from fears, weaknesses, defeats.

- *“I can do all things through Christ which fortifies me”*
(**Philippians 4:13**)

- Jesus Christ is the great liberator!

- For most of us
the threat of life
is not so much that
we suddenly
plunge into disaster,
 - But that we
drift into sin.

- There are few people who deliberately and in a moment turn their backs on God;
- But there are many who day by day drift farther and farther away from him.

- There are not many **who in one moment of time** commit some disastrous sin;
- But there are many **who almost imperceptibly** involve themselves in some situation and suddenly awake to find that they have **ruined life for themselves** and someone else's life.
- We must be continually **on the alert** against the peril of the drifting life.

- “***so great salvation.***”

- Respecting
as we do

the word of angels,

- Let us respect

His word more.

- **The drifting current**
by which the Hebrews
were in danger of
being carried headlong
was that of
religious custom.
 - There is
great peril
in that current.

- Don't allow your soul to drift past the "Harbor of Life"
- Is your Soul Pilot awake or asleep?
- Are you casually drifting?

- By this current **many are in danger of** being carried away from the eternal hope.
- Carried down to the **Dead Sea of:**
 - **Judaism,**
 - **Mother and Dad religion,**
 - **Grandmaw & Grandpaw's religion**
 - **Give me that Old-Time Religion!**

**"Lest at any time
we let them slip."**

- The danger is **real**.
 - It is easy to recall **the things of no value,**
- But the things of God **slip out of our mind.**

The fault is our own,
through failing to give
"the more earnest heed."

(Hebrews 2:1)

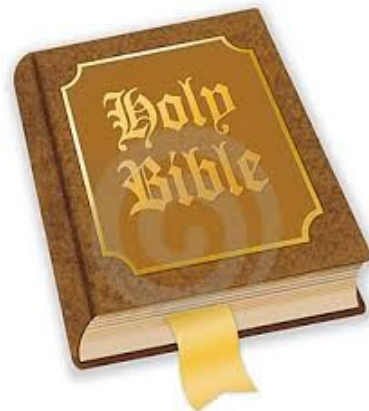
- They slip away
like water out of
a rusty bucket.

- **Think on these things**
- **Philippians 4:8**

**The doors of the church
are open.**

**The Spirit and the Bride
Say
“Come”.**

Revelation 22:17



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