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Readings: Hebrews ch 2 v 3

“How shall we escape if we neglect so great Salvation”

1 - How shall we escape

How shall we escape? Is this a question or a statement - it is both.

Great events happen in the world where people are saved from tragedy but there are also other instances when lives are lost.

It is possible in this world to do things that are wrong and still escape justice. This is the human justice system.

“Be sure your sins will find you out” (Numbers 32:23)

Many will not face earthly justice - If however they have never trusted Christ as their Saviour and confessed their sins they will have to be judged at the great white throne.

Can you go through life ignoring the message of the Gospel, the love of His son?

“It is appointed unto men once to die then after this the judgment”

People want to blank you the fact that there is something after death.

Can you escape the judgment of God?

Based on the judgments of the Bible there is no escape. In Noah's day God judged men in the flood. Noah found grace in the eyes of God. He prepared an ark God shut the door while the world was flooded. The deluge that came upon the destroyed everything. At the time of judgment only eight were saved. Noah was a preacher of righteousness and preached of Gods day of wrath and that only the ark could provide a means of Salvation. No one entered the ark. People want to rely on good works and good living to attain Salvation but it has already been provided.

The great white throne is the final day of judgment. People tell you death is the end but the Bible says death and hell gave up those that were in them. There is no escape in the first book of the Bible or in the last book other than those who accept God on His terms.

2 - If we neglect

Neglect is just a stage in the destruction of something. Neglect can lead to lost eternity. You can never drift into heaven.

“Enter ye in at the straight gait” (Matthew 7:13)

You can drift into eternity by neglect.

People wanted to stone the Lord. They rejected Him as their Saviour.

“Away with Him ... crucify Him” (John 19:15)

There are those today who are just as opposed to the Lord Jesus Christ.

“He that rejecteth Me... hath one that judgeth him” (John 12:48)

Are you neglecting?

A case of putting it off, waiting - Neglect could lead to lost eternity.

“Boast not thyself of tomorrow”.

It is not enough to tremble at the word of the Gospel. Felix neglected “ When I have better time” (Acts 24:25). His neglect led to a lost eternity. King Agrippa was almost persuaded to become a Christian (Acts 26:28).

A man made a great supper - “ Come for all things are ready” (Luke 14:17). Men made many excuses , they weren't opposed to going but they were neglectful.

A vast majority of society today are neglecting and have airy fairy ideas of getting into heaven. There is no Salvation for those who reject or neglect only for those who accept.

3 - So great Salvation

A great Salvation because of it's provider - God

Salvation is a free, unmerited, undeserved gift of God.

God offers eternal life.

This cost a great price - God's love in sending His Son who died on a cross to provide Salvation. We are not asked to pay for it.

Salvation brings great pardon. It does not matter if it's big sins or little sins. Pardon is available for all sizes of sin.

“All have sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Rom 3:23)

It has a great power “ the power of God unto Salvation” (Rom 1:16).

Salvation Has the power to cancel debt and save us from sin.

Comes with great promise.

Down here - Sins forgiven
Up there - Home in heaven

There can be no escape

It is dangerous to neglect

Much better to accept Gods offer of Salvation that deals with your sins now.

You need to accept this great Salvation.