

Indentation:

(the predetermined sermon design which best accomplishes the sermon's purpose)

Identification:

Hebrews 1:4 - 2:18 Part 2, A Greater Salvation

Introduction:

Need to correct an illustration by giving it again more accurately, at least clarifying it. You want to travel from A to B flying, or perhaps a boat. Let's assume no wind, no storms, no waves. But you are one degree off in your direction. For every 60 miles you travel you are one mile off. 600 miles, 10 miles off. 6K miles, 100 miles off.

Now factor in average wind, waves, storms. How important is it to be resolved to stay on course? Fly to London one degree off, could land in English Channel or the North Sea. Is that close enough? We get ticked if we lose a bag. If the pilot says, "Hey, I was only one degree off, gimme a break," would you? Maybe a broken arm.

Ingression:

When it comes to the supremacy of Jesus, His truth, and salvation, there is no such thing as "close enough." If you aren't on, you are off. If you are off, then you're out. The good news is God doesn't want you to be out and has given us warnings on what to look for and what to do about it. The Lord wants us to experience the supremacy of Christ in our lives. He wants that be our lives. How to we do that?

- We need to resolve to stay on course with what we have heard, or we will drift away and be lost at sea. 2:1
- We need to reclaim responsibility for the salvation that has been gifted to us, or we will pay the price of neglecting it. 2:2-3
- We need to react to the fact that God is still speaking concerning the Lordship of Jesus in our lives today and in the Kingdom to come, or we will not be a part of Him or it. 2:4-5

Inspiration:

Review Hebrews and what we are doing now. Add the idea of experiencing the supremacy of Christ in our daily lives.

Jesus is greater than. Than what? The angels. Why? A greater name. Today, a greater salvation.

Ingression:

The supremacy of Christ in our lives is experienced by recognizing that the salvation Jesus provides is greater than than any other form or source of salvation, and by taking to heart and putting to feet these habits:

Itemization:

[2] We need to resolve to stay on course with what we have heard, or we will drift away and be lost at sea. 2:1

- Therefore - in light of the reality, nature, and purpose of angels as compared to the reality, nature, and purpose of the Son (Jesus)
- we - not just you, not just me, we. In context of NT and whole Bible, togetherness.
 - Rejoice together, cry together, succeed together, fail together.
 - Confess together, confront together. Unity of the body. When one part fights for itself it's called cancer. Immune system "attacks" but is really trying to heal.

- We need to be doing this thing called church together. Not just agreeably, spiritually which is more real than anything else.
 - We have unity but not cohesion. We agree with one another, we support each other when it's needed, but we don't yet have that glue. Spoken with a pastor's heart.
 - Do we have Jesus-centered worship? Yes, but we can pipe that in from a CD or online. Do we have solid teaching? So I am told, but again with today's technology we can get that anywhere at any time. These things do not a church make.
 - In some ways I want us to be a hospital. In other ways I want us to be a gym. Explain. As it is now, it feels like we are more of a waiting room. Speaking as a pastor and as a member.
 - Reread 1:1-4. Are you a part of that? Are we a part of that? If not, here is the first thing you and I must do about it together. The primary fix is not in the horizontal, but in the vertical.
- must - necessary, how can one not? It was necessary for Jesus to go to Jerusalem, to the cross (John 3:14). There is no alternative but to do this. The alternative is failure.
 - give heed - to sail a ship in a direction, to sail towards. To hold the mind or the ear toward someone.
 - the more earnest - more superabundantly, as compared to something else. More abundantly, more frequently, most especially, all the more, more exceedingly
 - we have heard - the hearing is complete. The things were spoken/taught/communicated, and we heard (passive). The hearing is now done. Spoken by whom? The Father, the prophets, the Son, and angels.
 - lest - lest at any time, at any moment
 - we drift away - drift past as a ship, flow by as a river. A gradual and almost unnoticed movement past a certain point. To glide away, to swerve or deviate away. In contrast to give heed. You wouldn't notice it until it was obvious, not even if someone pointed it out to you. Sometimes pride prohibits us from noticing or acknowledging.

[3] How do we do this? You know your destination, you have a compass, a map, and you rely on those, not your own instincts. Above all, be resolved. Lighthouse aircraft carrier joke. Trust your instruments and your instructor.

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The supremacy of Christ in our lives is experienced by recognizing that the salvation Jesus provides is greater than any other form or source of salvation, and by taking to heart and putting to feet the need to resolve to stay on course with what we have heard, or we will drift away and be lost at sea.

Itemization:

[4] We need to reclaim responsibility for the salvation that has been gifted to us, or we will pay the price of neglecting it. 2:2-3

Explain that responsibility does not refer to our having accomplished or produced it. In the sense of being responsible for a puppy.

2:2 is the build up to the pointed question at the beginning of 2:3

- 2:2 if - if, and it's true
- proved - came into being as
- steadfast - that upon which one may build, rely, or trust. Used of objects, not of people in the NT. That which does not fail or waver, immovable.
- every - just so

- transgression - wrongdoing, lawbreaking, stepping over the line
- disobedience - failing to hear, hearing amiss, inattentive or careless hearing, resulting in active disobedience. The fault is with the hearer. Remember, things spoken, things heard.
- received a just reward - multiple words, but the contrast point. They got what they deserved.
- 2:3
- how - how is it possible, and it isn't
- we - is emphatic
- escape - like a prisoner making a jail break, like a man running from the mall, like me changing the channel during the CMA awards.
- so great - vast, mighty, contrast to the salvation the angels preached/provided on occasion. The source of the salvation is what makes it so great.
- neglect - without showing concern, care for. To make light of.
 - Leaky F-14 at Tillamook air museum. It's purpose is to fly, to fight for what's right, and to protect.
 - Baseball bat used to beat people. It's purpose is to bring people home.
- salvation - Not the doctrine of, but the salvation itself. Safety, deliverance, preservation from danger or destruction. From what have we been saved, delivered, preserved?
 - Danger - freedom from the power and influence of sin in and over our lives by the power of the HS.
 - Destruction - in a word, Hell. Who does the saving?
- The rest is self explanatory. Refer to study of the reliability of the Bible.

[5] How do we reclaim responsibility for and not neglect salvation?

- Recognizing and/or remembering the source, Jesus and His word, driven by love. Revelation 2:2-5.
- Grow beyond the basics relying on the Spirit and the Body to inspire you, teach you, correct you, and you doing so in return.

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Itemization:

[6] We need to react to the fact that God is still speaking concerning the Lordship of Jesus in our lives today and in the Kingdom to come, or we will not be a part of Him or it. 2:4-5

- bearing witness - active present tense. Still happening! How is your distribution of the Spirit? How can you tell? Lordship and fruit.
 - **[7]** Galatians 5:18-23. Churches, pastors, ministries brought down for first list.
 - If there is no breath in the body, the body is dead and needs CPR - heart and breath revival.

It's not about what you do, it's who you know and your obedience to Him. "Lord, Lord!" "I never knew you."

[8] How do we react to the fact? Spend time in His word, spend time in His presence, spend time with His people, spend time letting your light shine in the darkness.

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Imploration:

What is this great salvation? The gospel, [9] 1 Corinthians 15:1-11.

Church, Let's you and I, us, we, set and stay on a course with their lives that is piloted by the Lordship of Jesus Christ, driven full sail by the wind of the Holy Spirit, and demonstrative of a person that is in communion with the Father by delivering the message of His Kingdom.