

DATE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2020      THEME: DON'T DRIFT AWAY!

BIBLE READING: HEBREWS 2: 1-9 (NIV)

1. We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.
2. For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment,
3. how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him.
4. God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.
5. It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking.
6. But there is a place where someone has testified: "What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?"
7. You made him a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honor
8. and put everything under his feet." In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him.
9. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

**Reflection:**

The passage begins with a passionate appeal to the Hebrews to give careful consideration to the message of salvation they have heard, lest they drift away. In Hebrew 2:2, we read that the salvation message was spoken earlier by angels to people in the past which some who heard it did not give heed and were punished for their stubbornness. Verse 3 calls the salvation the Hebrews must not neglect, "so great a salvation!" God has confirmed that great salvation historically with signs and wonders through the Holy Spirit (Hebrews 2:3-4). Therefore, to neglect such a great salvation would mean facing God's judgment. The Collect for Advent II enjoins us to pray to the Lord to:

"...prepare our minds to receive the gospel, help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of Your holy word, we may embrace and forever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Beloved, this is a call to work out our salvation with fear and trembling (Phil. 2:12). Let us desire to be with the Lord through prayer and meditation on His Word, seizing every opportunity to be at worship, prayer fellowship and Bible Study. If we are not to drift away, let us be alert and prepare for that great Day; living everyday as if it is our last; and confident that at the final

salvation, we would be partakers of the glorious church, not having any spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but holy and without blemish.

**PRAYER:**

Father, help us never to neglect such a great salvation in Jesus' name. As we prepare to welcome Jesus Christ, this Christmas, deliver us for the death pang of COVID-19, that we may welcome the birth of a new world. We pray in Jesus Name. Amen!

**Quote of the Day:**

“Who walks in darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord and rely upon His God.”(Isaiah 50:10)