**Hebrews Chapter 2 1-18**

**Hebrews 2:1-18 (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.

**With in 5 warnings**

**Commentary**

**Chapter 2**

[2:1-4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A1-4) The first of five warnings strategically positioned throughout the letter (see [3:7-4:13](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+3%3A7-4%3A13); [6:4-8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+6%3A4-8); [10:26-31](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+10%3A26-31); [12:25-29](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+12%3A25-29)).

[2:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A1) what we have heard. The message of the gospel, including that of Christ's person as the God-man and his redemptive work on the cross. drift away. From the greater revelation given through the Son.

[2:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A2) the message spoken by angels. The law given through Moses at Sinai (see [Ac 7:38](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+7%3A38) and note).

[2:3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A3) how shall we escape...? See [12:25](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+12%3A25). such a great salvation. The argument here is from the lesser to the greater, and assumes that the gospel is greater than the law. Thus, if disregard for the law brought certain punishment, disregard for the gospel will bring even greater punishment. confirmed to us by those who heard him. The eyewitnesses, chiefly the apostles (see [Ac 1:21-22](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+1%3A21-22) and note on [1:22](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+1%3A22); [1Jn 1:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Jn+1%3A1) and note; cf. [2Pe 1:16](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Pe+1%3A16) and note), had vouched for the message first announced by Christ. The author himself apparently was neither an apostle nor an eyewitness (see Introduction: Author).

[2:4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A4) signs, wonders and various miracles. God added his confirmation to the gospel message through supernatural acts such as healing the sick (see [Ac 3:7-9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+3%3A7-9),[11-12](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+3%3A11-12),[16](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+3%3A16); [5:12-16](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+5%3A12-16); [9:32-41](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+9%3A32-41); [14:3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+14%3A3),[8-9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+14%3A8-9); [19:11-12](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+19%3A11-12); [28:8-9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+28%3A8-9)). gifts of the Holy Spirit. Such as the gift of tongues (see [Ac 2:4-12](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+2%3A4-12)). distributed according to his will. See [1Co 12:4-11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Co+12%3A4-11).

**NIV Study Bible.**

**Open it**

1. What are some warnings you are glad you heeded?
 **That I did not drift away,**

2. How did you feel when you first followed Christ (or when you first realized your need for Christ)?
 **Excited, but not overinflated**

**Explore it**

3. What did the writer of Hebrews want his readers to pay attention to? ([2:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A1))
 **Pay closer attention to what we have heard, so we do not drift away from it**

4. What happened to those who violated the "message spoken by angels" (that is, the Mosaic Law)? ([2:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A2))
 **They received a just penalty.**

5. What are the consequences for those who pay no attention to the gospel? ([2:3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A3))
 **How will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation**

6. Who confirmed the salvation that Jesus announced? How? ([2:3-4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A3-4))
 **After being spoken by the Lord it was confirmed to us by those who heard**

7. What is the role of each member of the Trinity in delivering the gospel message? ([2:3-4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A3-4))
 **Jesus spoke the words, God testified with them, and the Holy spirit did signs wonders various miracles and gifts to man as He saw fit**

**Get it**

8. How do we as modern Christians tend to "drift away" from God?
 **We begin to forget what it is we are learning, forget that God is God and his Son is out Lord, The Holy Spirit indwells us, but we begin to not listen to His council**

9. What kind of attitudes or actions would mark a Christian who is drifting?
 **Not coming to church, not reading, or studying the bible, not taking council from the Holy Spirit, living life in the world not in heaven**

10. How can we help ourselves pay closer attention to God’s Word?
 **Read a little of the bible every day, sign up for email scripture encouragement dor each day. Spend time with another Christian and talk about the bible**

**Apply it**

11. What are some ways you can nurture your attention span toward God this week?
 **See #10**