**Jesus, Our Great High Priest**

**Hebrews: Hearing and Obeying God’s Son**

**Hebrews 1:5–2:4**

**Are you neglecting your salvation?**

 God is speaking through His Son! After reading a list of qualities and accomplishment of Jesus, the Son of God, we begin to see the implica-tions of His salvation, and hear a warning about being distracted from it. . .

[Jesus, our Great High Priest, has a name far above the angels. . .] 1:4

We know this because. . .

 Jesus, Son of God, is worshiped by angels. vv. 1:5, 6

 And while angels temporarily serve the heirs of salvation (God’s people), the Son has provided that salvation and has earned an eternal throne. 1:7-14

So. . .

 How important it is to pay attention to all Jesus has said,

 And not drift away from our faith! 2:1

 And if the Law, mediated through angels, was reliable and its rejecters punished, how could anyone escape if he neglects (rejects) a salvation (the Gospel) directly from the Trinity, Father, Son and Spirit? 2:2-4

***What is “salvation neglect”?***

***Warning: Warnings ahead!***

 One of the best known features of this book is its so called “warning passages” Hebrews 2:1-4; 3:7–4:13; 5:11–6:12; 10:19-39; 12:14-29. While each is unique, they all share the same perspective, namely that these Jewish believers must persevere by God’s grace and continue to follow Jesus. Otherwise, they will prove themselves never to have been God’s children at all.

 The issue is not “losing your salvation,” nor salvation by works, but whether or not your life demonstrates that you have God’s forgiving grace through Jesus. Those who do will “hold fast to the end,” while those who “draw back” show they were never God’s. These are the same categories Jesus uses when he speaks of those who believe, but whose “faith” is temporary. Matthew 13:18-23

 This passage is the first, shortest, and mildest of the warnings, but how do we NOT neglect our salvation? In context of Hebrews. . .

*1. We make much of Jesus, the author and finisher of our salvation.*

If He is all the things we saw (in vv. 1-4), we dare not even think that “all religions are the same.” Philippians 2:9-11

*2. We make much of God’s family, our kindred in salvation.*

If Jesus came to save people, we dare not despise them. Is church a building, or your family?

Mark 3:20, 21, 31-35

*3. We make much of how we live, the joy of our salvation.*

 If Jesus is our Lord, Savior, and Shepherd, we will strive to please Him by practicing His presence.

 John 14:15-18