

# **“SIT UP AND PAY ATTENTION”**

## **HEBREWS 2:1-4**

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### **INTRO**

### **MESSAGE**

- I. Since the Son is so supremely great and is destined for final triumph over his enemies, we must pay more careful attention to His instruction, lest we drift away from biblical Christianity. (2:1)
  - A. The basis for the command (1a)
    1. review 1:1-14
    2. the Son’s teaching
  - B. The command (1b)
    1. some basic observations
    2. the problem
  - C. The danger (1c)
  
- II. If we lose sight of the ultimate victory and deliverance that is promised in connection with the Son’s own final victory, and drift away from biblical Christianity, we can expect the withdrawal of divine blessing from our lives. (2:2-3a)
  - A. Some basic observations (2)
    1. angels and O.T. revelation (Ex. 23:20-21)
    2. just penalties (Dt. 28:3-14; 15-29)
  - B. The term “salvation” (3)
    1. The deliverance of God’s people from the oppression of their enemies.
      - a. Ps 18:3, 34-35, 46-47, 50
      - b. Ps 118:13-15
      - c. Ps 35:1-5
    2. The consequent enjoyment of God’s blessings, including the participation of Christ’s faithful followers in His Kingdom reign.
      - a. Mt 5:5 - inherit the earth
      - b. Mt 5:9 – enjoy special intimacy
      - c. Mt 5:10 – prominence in the Kingdom
      - d. Mt 5:11-12 – special reward in heaven
      - e. Lk 12:31-32 – the Kingdom is God’s gift to us
      - f. Lk 22:24-30 – we are granted a Kingdom to reign with Christ
      - g. Mt 19:28-30 – inherit eternal life and amazing blessing
  - C. Summary
  
- III. Our deliverance from the oppression of enemies and our consequent enjoyment of God’s blessings is an extremely significant promise which should motivate us to steadfast endurance in the face of any trial. (2:3b-4)

### **APPLICATION**

1. Meditating on what we have heard is more essential than seeking something new.
2. Overcoming the peril of drifting requires the discipline of application.
3. Steadfast endurance in trials is still the only means of lasting satisfaction in life.
4. Choosing to drift in the midst of trials leads to inescapable consequences.