

## **Hebrews 2:1-2 (NLT)**

**[1] So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it. [2] For the message God delivered through angels has always stood firm, and every violation of the law and every act of disobedience was punished.**

## **Hebrews 2:3-4 (NLT)**

**[3] So what makes us think we can escape if we ignore this great salvation that was first announced by the Lord Jesus himself and then delivered to us by those who heard him speak? [4] And God confirmed the message by giving signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit whenever he chose.**

**Listen Carefully !**

**Hebrews 2:1-4**

# Alternating Pattern in Hebrews

Truth → Warning → Truth →

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# How do Christians drift away?

- become **COMPLACENT** or **CARELESS**
- **BACKSLIDE** into sin
- **COMPROMISE** Christ's teaching
- **NEGLECT** Worship
- **REFUSE** to Serve
- become **DISCOURAGED**

## James 1:25 (ESV)

But the one who **looks into the perfect law**, the law of liberty, and **PERSEVERES**, being **no hearer** who forgets but a **DOER** who acts, he will be **blessed in his DOING.**

## **SHIELD VERSE**

**But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity... Eph 5:3 (NIV)**

## **SWORD VERSE -**

**Flee from sexual immorality 1 Cor. 6:18 (NIV)**

**We have renounced secret and shameful ways 2 Cor. 4:2 (NIV)**

## **From Lesser to Greater Vs. 2-3**

- O.T. Law was **BINDING**
- **Violators were PUNISHED**
- Christ is **SUPERIOR** to angels
- **SALVATION** Surpasses O.T. Law
- **IGNORING** the Gospel leads to  
certain Punishment

→ The **WARNING** is against  
**NEGLECTING** Salvation

- not -

**REJECTING** Salvation

# **We NEGLECT...**

- **God's Word**
- **Prayer**
- **Worship**
- **Thankfulness**
- **Service**
- **Fellowship**

## Revelation 2:2-4 (NIV)

I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. [3] You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. [4]

Yet I hold this against you:

**You have FORSAKEN your first love.**

# QUESTIONS

1. Why is it so easy to Drift away?
2. What can we do to keep from neglecting our Relationship with Jesus?
3. How can we Know if we have left our First Love?
4. What can we do to come back?