HEBREWS 2 SO GREAT SALVATION

Hebrews 2:1-4 (KJV)

- ¹ Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let *them* slip.
- ² For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward;
- ³ How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard *him*;
- ⁴ God also bearing *them* witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?
- I. PAUL CONTINUES HIS VEIN OF THOUGHT FROM THE FIRST CHAPTER.... THAT JESUS CHRIST AND THE NEW COVENANT ARE GREATER THAN ANGELS, THE PROPHETS AND THE LAW. HE BEGINS THIS CHAPTER WITH A SOBER WARNING!!

WE OUGHT TO GIVE EARNEST HEED... BECAUSE THE MESSAGE WE HAVE HEARD CAME FROM THE LORD HIMSELF... NOT JUST ANGELS!!

WORDS SPOKEN BY ANGELS THAT CAME TO PASS:

- GEN. 18 THE BIRTH OF ISAAC
- GEN. 19 THE DESTRUCTION OF SODOM AND GOMORRAH
- GEN. 32 JACOB WRESTLING WITH AN ANGEL.
- Acts 7:53 Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it. THE GIVING OF THE LAW. BUT NOW GOD HAS SPOKEN TO US THROUGH HIS SON!
- II. AGAIN A SOBERING QUESTION.... HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE... IF WE NEGLECT SO GREAT SALVATION? HOW IS OUR NEW TESTAMENT SALVATION GREATER THAN THE OLD COVENANT?
 - 1. THE LAW WAS OUTWARD... THE NEW COVENANT IS INWARD. II COR.3:3
 - 2. THE LAW DELIVERED BY MOSES... IICOR 3:7
 THE NEW COVENANT DELIVERED BY CHRIST HIMSELF...JOHN 14:18
 - 3. THE LAW WAS FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE. THE NEW COVENANT IS FOR EVERYBODY. JOHN 3:16
 - 4. THE LAW HAD SUBSTITUTIONARY SACRIFICES... THE NEW TESTAMENT WAS PURCHASED WITH A GREATER SACRIFICE!! MATT. 26:28 THIS IS MY BLOOD!!
 - 5. THE LAW WAS RITUAL. NEW TESTAMENT GREAT EXPERIENCE... I PETER 1:8-12
 - 6. THE LAW WAS EARTHLY.. THE NEW COVENANT IS ETERNAL. JOHN 6:32,54
 - TO SAINT AND SINNER... HOW CAN WE ESCAPE IF WE NEGLECT.. SO GREAT SALVATION? IF ANGELS DESIRE IT... SHOULDN'T WE EMBRACE IT??

III. SPOKEN FIRST BY THE LORD AND CONFIRMED BY THOSE THAT HEARD HIM!!

2 Corinthians 13:1 This *is* the third *time* I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established. THE LORD FOLLOWS HIS OWN RULE ... BY CONFIRMING HIS WORD... WITH TWO OR MORE WITNESSES.

CHRIST PROMISES OF SALVATION.

REPENT AND BELIEVE Mark 1:15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

BAPTISM.....Mark 16:15-16 ¹⁵ And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶ He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

RECEIVE YE THE HOLY GHOST....Acts 1:4-5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

CONFIRMED BY THOSE THAT HEARD HIM!!

Acts 2:14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 19:5-6 (KJV)

⁵ When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

⁶ And when Paul had laid *his* hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

PAUL HAD A PERSONAL VISITATION OF CHRIST.... HE ALSO CONFIRMS THE GOSPEL!!

Galatians 1:6-12 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

⁷ Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

⁸ But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

⁹ As we said before, so say I now again, If any *man* preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

¹¹ But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.

¹² For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

THIS COVENANT WAS SPOKEN OF BY THE LORD AND CONFIRMED BY THE APOSTLES .. ANGELS CANNOT CHANGE IT... PROPHETS CANNOT CHANGE IT.. I CANNOT CHANGE IT... YOU CANNOT CHANGE IT!! WHAT SHOULD WE DO?? TAKE THE MORE EARNEST HEED TO IT. EMBRACE IT .. OBEY IT... SHARE IT.. DON'T NEGLECT IT!!