

HEB 2:1-4

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS SON - (1:1-7)

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS SON - (1:8-14)

- GOD SPEAKS TO US - (2:1-4)

THEREFORE: "BECAUSE OF THE PRECEDING ARGUMENT"  
WHICH IS -- JESUS IS GOD'S "UNIQUE SON" -

THE DECLARATION IS:

THAT "WE" ACCEPT - (TO THE FULLEST EXTENT) -  
THE SALVATION - CHRIST HAS "PROCURED" FOR US -

"IN THIS SALVATION"

(ENORMOUS "PRIVILEGES" ARE EXTENDED TO MANKIND)

- "HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE" "IF WE NEGLECT" -  
"SO"

I] BE DILIGENT - "THEREFORE" - "DON'T NEGLECT"

- "NEGLECT" IMPLIES THAT "A WAY OF RESCUE" -  
HAS BEEN PROVIDED -

A) A "RECOGNIZED PERIL" - "TO THOSE UNFAITHFUL"  
"HOW SHALL YOU, O YE, ESCAPE"

THE JEWS TO WHOM - THE WRITER IS ADDRESSING  
-- WERE IN GREAT DANGER OF "DRIFTING"  
AWAY FROM THE GOSPEL TRUTH - - "WHY"

- THE ADVOCATES OF THE "MOSAIC SYSTEM"  
WERE "RESISTING" THE CLAIMS OF CHRISTIANITY -

THESE ADVOCATES.

WERE "INTENSELY ACTIVE" IN DEMANDING  
THEY CONTINUED OBEDIENCE TO THE JEWISH  
LAWS & RULES

PAUL SAYS: (GAL 3:1) "O FOOLISH GALATIANS, WHO  
HATH "BEWITCHED" YOU - "TO NOT OBEY THE TRUTH  
"JESUS HAS BEEN CRUCIFIED"  
THIS COMES -- NOT BY THE "WORKS OF THE LAW" --  
BUT THE "HEARING OF FAITH" --

THE CHRISTIAN JEWS ADDRESSED "IN HEBREWS"

- ① THEY HAD STEPPED UP -- OUT OF "FORMAL  
JUDAISM" -- INTO SPIRITUAL CHRISTIANITY --
- ② THEY HAD SERVED "THE WRITTEN LAW" UPON  
"TABLETS OF STONE" -- AND -- NOW SERVED  
THE LAW WRITTEN ON "THE MIND" AND "HEART" --
- ③ THEY HAD BEEN RELIGIOUS BY FOLLOWING RULES  
-- NOW -- THEY HAD "A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD"  
INWARDLY -- BY RESPONDING TO DIVINE INSPIRATIONS
- ④ THEY HAD BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH A MATERIAL  
TEMPLE -- NOW -- THEY HAD DISCOVERED THAT  
MAN CAN BE -- "THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY GHOST" --  
"BUT"

(INTEREST OF THE OLD MOSAIC SYSTEM --  
"CLUNG TO THEM" --)

STILL HAD A HOLD ON THEM

A FORMAL RELIGION --- THE OLD SYSTEM  
-- JUDAISM -- THE RELIGION OF THEIR CHILDHOOD --  
SENTIMENT OF REVERENCE + AFFECTION --  
GATHERED AROUND -- "THE OLD SYSTEM"

"A FORMAL RELIGION"

① SOMETHING FOR THE EYES TO LOOK ON ---  
FOR THE HANDS TO HANDLE --- THE KNEES TO DO --

② A RELIGION THAT REQUIRES ROUTINE --- AND  
ASKS FOR NO MIND OR FEELING -- HAS ALWAYS  
"BEEN ATTRACTIVE" -- &  
"WILL ALWAYS BE SO" --

"IT GIVES A SENSE OF CONTENTMENT"

"RICH YOUNG RULER" -- "WHAT MUST I DO?"

"PAUL, TO COLOSSIANS" -- "AFTER" YOU ARE  
"KNOWN" OF GOD -- "HOW" -- TURN YE AGAIN  
TO THE WEAK + BEGGARLY ELEMENTS --  
WHICH PUT YOU IN BONDAGE AGAIN --  
"YOU"

OBSERVE DAYS, MONTHS, TIMES, YEARS ---  
I AM AFRAID FOR YOU -- LEST I BESTOWED  
UPON YOU LABOR IN VAIN --  
"BEWARE"

(LEST ANY MAN SPOIL YOU -- WITH TRADITION)  
AND DOCTRINES --

"A RECOGNIZED PERIL"

(B) A REALIZED PUNISHMENT - (2)

"GIVE THE MOST EARNEST HEED" -- LEST  
THEY SHOULD BE ALLOWED "TO SLIP" --

"TO SLIP" -- A VERB FOR "THINGS SLIPPING" --  
FROM "MIND" + "MEMORY" -- "TO BE  
FORGOTTEN" -- -- "HERE" --

THEY WERE IN DANGER OF "DRIFTING AWAY"  
FROM THE "TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL" -- UNDER  
THE "PRESURE OF TRIAL" -- + APATHY -- +  
"INDIFFERENCE"

(OLD) (1) IF THE WORD SPOKEN BY ANGELS WAS STEADFAST  
(BY)

"PENALTIES IMPOSED" -- UPON THOSE WHO  
WERE "GUILTY OF BREAKING IT" -- BECAUSE  
"ITS AUTHORITY" WAS FROM GOD -- WHO REQUIRED  
IT TO BE BELIEVED & ACTED ON --

(EVERY "TRANSGRESSION" + "DISOBEDIENCE")

(NEW) (2) HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE - (3)

HE "WHO NEGLECTS" GOD'S SAVING GRACE --

THIS MEANS:

- "MAKES LIGHT OF IT" -- OR -- NOT WORTHY OF  
NOTICE --

"THERE IS NO ESCAPE" -- "GOD'S RETRIBUTION  
IS SURE"

(BE DILIGENT) -- (DON'T NEGLECT)

## II] BE DECERNING -- (36)

"THIS SALVATION"

= FIRST "SPOKEN BY THE LORD" +  
CONFIRMED BY THOSE WHO HEARD --

(A) IT IS GREAT - (BECAUSE OF THE AGENT  
WORKING IT OUT) --

(SPOKEN + SUPPLIED BY THE LORD)

HIS GREATNESS: "WILLING" BECAUSE  
THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY --

HE DIED FOR OUR SINS -- HE WAS BURIED  
-- HE ROSE AGAIN --

"BE MOORED TO HIM -- AND  
DON'T LET IT "SLIP" --

TO "DRIFT" FROM CHRIST -- IS TO "DRIFT"  
INTO RUIN -- (NOTE)

(1) TO "DRIFT" IS TO FORSAKE THE ONLY  
REFUGE FOR SINFUL MAN --

(2) TO "DRIFT" IS TO DISREGARD THE CLAIMS  
OF CHRIST --

(3) TO "DRIFT" IS TO RESIST THE GRACE THAT  
BROUGHT US TO CHRIST --

③ IT IS GUARANTEED -  
BY THOSE WHO HEARD & HAVE  
BEEN, WE ARE MOORED TO CHRIST AS THOSE  
WHO HEARD ---

HERSCHEL & HOBBS SAYS:  
"THEY HAD HEARD AND BELIEVED --- TO  
WHICH BROUGHT "MORE CONCERN" TO  
"DEVELOPING IT" & "SHARING IT" ---

BEING IN CHRIST HAS NO MEANING --  
"UNLESS" IT IS EXPRESSED IN "A LIFE  
UNITED WITH GOD" & "USED BY GOD"

- OUR GOOD WORKS - CANNOT POSSIBLY MATCH  
"OR" GO BEYOND THE "RADIANCE" OF "RESIDING" IN  
THE "FINISHED" & "FELLOWSHIP" OF CHRIST -

~~III~~ BE DECIDED - (GOD IS BEARING WITNESSES)  
VS 4 WITH THE "HOLY GHOST" ---

(RECEIVE THE "REGENERATING" HOLY SPIRIT)

① WORDS OF THE LORD - "ASK ME" &  
"I WILL GIVE YOU WATER" "SO" YOU WILL  
"NEVER THIRST AGAIN"

② WITNESS OF THE DISCIPLES -  
"CORROBORATION" -- "WHAT MUST WE DO"  
"BELIEVE" ON THE LORD JESUS & "RECEIVE"  
"THE GIFT" OF THE "HOLY SPIRIT"

③ WORKS OF GOD - ④  
(GOD ALSO BEARING WITNESS - "GIFTS"  
OF HOLY SPIRIT)

① SIGNS = "THE ENDUEMENT OF POWER"  
(A CHANGED LIFE & ABILITY TO SERVE)  
JUST AS THE APOSTLES DID NOT INVENT THE  
GOSPEL MESSAGE - THEY COULD NOT INVENT  
MIRACULOUS SIGNS - [LIFE & ABILITY TO SERVE]

② WONDERS = <sup>RARE</sup> RARE & UNUSUAL MOVING OF GOD  
IN HIS CHURCH -  
[TO TESTIFY, AUTHENTICATE - THE GOSPEL  
MESSAGE -

③ GIFTS = (1 COR 12:7-11), (EPAH 4:11-12)

→ GOD GAVE THESE GIFTS - NOT TO GLORIFY THE  
APOSTLES - BUT TO GLORIFY HIMSELF THROUGH  
THEM -

[THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS "ACCORDING" TO  
GOD'S WILL,

- THIS DECIDES -

[WHICH GIFT - OR GIFTS - EACH BELIEVER  
SHOULD HAVE

GOD

USES THESE GIFTS TO ENCOURAGE THE  
BELIEVER - & - BUILD UP THE CHURCH