

Sunday May 22nd 2011
The Letter to the Hebrews
Part Four – Study Questions

1). Heb 2:1 ¶ *Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.*

a). Explain everything you can about that which we read here in v1.

2). 2 *For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward,*

b). Do the same thing for that which we see in v2.

3). 3 *how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation,*

a). And the same thing for v3a

b). Which salvation is the ‘so great a salvation’ talking about and how would we know?

c). What scripture have we looked at in a previous study that draws all this together?

d). Who else has had a particular interest in this salvation?

e). Where do we read about it?

f). What does this tell you?

- g). What two words in English are used to qualify this salvation?
- h). What is the word in Greek and what does it mean?
- i). What is this word used in connection with in the Book of Revelation and where do we find the scripture?
- j). What is significant about this earthquake?
- k). In the light of what we see in Revelation what does the use of this word in qualifying the salvation of the soul tell us?
- l). If we compare the salvation of the soul with the free gift of eternal life, is eternal salvation just chopped liver?
- m). What does the salvation of the soul mean to you personally?

4). *if we neglect so great a salvation,*

- a). What does the word translated 'neglect' mean?
- b). The Greek word translated 'neglect' is used in a parable given by the Lord – which parable is it and where do we find it?
- c). How many invitations to the royal wedding are given?
- d). To whom are they given?

5). *3 "and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come.*

- a). How do those invited respond to the first invitation?

b). 5 *"But they made light [ameleo] of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. 6 "And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them* – How is the response to the second invitation different from the first?

c). 8 *"Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. 9 'Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.* – What is happening in these verses?

d). 10 *"So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests.* – How should we understand ‘both bad and good’ in this verse?

e). What is the wedding hall a picture of?

f). 11 *"But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment.* – Who is the man without a wedding garment representative of?

g). What is the final outcome for the man and what does it teach us?

6). Where do we find the Greek word ‘ameleo’, previously translated ‘neglect’, used in Hebrews Chapter 8 and what does its use here teach us?

7). Where do we find this same word used in 2 Peter and how does the context in which the word appears fit with that which we are studying in Hebrews?

8). *which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, & God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?*

a). What began to be spoken ‘at the first’ by the Lord?

b). What scripture did we look at in connection with this?

c). What additional commentary does Mark 8:38 give us on this?

d). What does the second half of v3 tell us and where might we see this?

e). Why was the offer of the Kingdom of the Heavens to Israel accompanied by signs, wonders, miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit?

f). What does Hebrews Chapter 6 tell us about these signs, wonders, miracles and gifts?

g). 2Pe 1:19 ¶ *And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;* - What does this scripture tell us needs to be our focus with regards to the validity of the offer of the Kingdom?

h). Do you have any thoughts or questions about this?

9). Heb 12:25 *See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven,*

a). What do you learn from this scripture and how does it tie in with that which we have been studying?

b). Any final thoughts, comments or questions?