



"LEST WE DRIFT AWAY" (1)

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



The Holy Spirit warns against "drifting." To drift is to slowly be carried away by an almost imperceptible motion. As ships can readily drift away by a current of water or air, so it is possible for Christians to be moved away from the shores of salvation's harbor. If not, why the warning? Yet, it is not a warning of a deliberate rebellion or fast moving storm of apostasy that the Holy Spirit speaks of here, but rather, it is that of a *slow and steady wafting* in the wrong direction.

The purpose of these *Anchored* articles is that we, as a people, might maintain a "stay" after Sunday. The goal is that we would be fully moored in the word on Monday and throughout the week and that the things done on Sunday are not quickly forgotten and slip away from our memory. A "mooring" is a **place** where a ship can be anchored or docked. It can also be an **act** of making a ship hold fast by an anchor or tie down. Anchors, ropes, chain, and cables can all be "moorings," which keep a craft from gliding away. As seen in Colossians 1:23, the danger of being "moved away" from the gospel is real.

Our mooring this Monday is the admonition of Hebrews 2:1. We will be anchored in Hebrews for the next several weeks. What is it that the Christian is in danger of drifting from? In short, it is the word and the salvation that comes through Christ.

"For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation..." (Heb. 2:2, 3).

In the Old Testament, it was possible for those to drift away from the word of angels. In doing such they received a "just reward." The comparison remains today. Today we can drift away from Christ's word, and "if we neglect so great a salvation" what reward shall await us? Christ has spoken, and His glorious ministry has been confirmed; yet, if we disregard such, we can only expect doom. "Neglect" is a key component to "drifting." These folks were neglecting the worship assemblies and were therefore drifting away from God (Heb. 10:25). "Neglect" has a component of "carelessness" and "making light" in those things which require *diligence*. When Jesus spoke a parable of the wedding feast, part of those who failed and were destroyed were those who "...made light of it and went their ways..." (Matt. 22:5). Let us not make light of the opportunity that stands before us but arm ourselves with the mind of Christ.

Next week we will look at some *currents* which pose real dangers to the unanchored Christian.

