

**A Better Way  
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Hebrews 2.1-4**

**Hebrews is the book of the Better Way**, in Hebrews we have seen,

- **Our Superlative Savior**

- Jesus Christ is not another way to heaven
- Jesus Christ is not a better way to heaven
- Jesus Christ is the **ONLY WAY** to heaven

*John 14:6 - Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

- **Our Purging** – We are fully Pardoned from our sins when Jesus Christ,

*Hebrews 1:3 - . . . by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;*

Matt 7.24

Today, in our text, we hear our Lord, through the Word of God encourage us, admonish us, and call to us to **not Slip Spiritually**.

**Illustration** – Have you ever tried to stand up on wet muddy ground, maybe wet clay ground, after a good soaking rain? You may have the best balance in the world. Perhaps your like one of these Olympic gymnasts that can stand on the beam as if standing on the ground. But if we get you out on that wet clay or muddy ground you look like a toddler trying to take their first couple steps, or worse. LOL you end up looking like a muddy mess.

Our Lord mentioned something similar to this idea in the Sermon on the Mount.

*Matthew 7:24–27 - Therefore whosoever **heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them**, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: <sup>25</sup>And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. <sup>26</sup>And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened **unto a foolish man**, which built his house*

upon the sand: <sup>27</sup>And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Our Lord speaks of the,

- Sifting sands of life – Sand on the Sea’s Shore
- Solid Foundation for life
- Sure Word of God that is the solid foundation for life (vs 24) - *Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, . . .*

**Our Text is similar, Notice in our text,**

**A. The Holding of the Word of God (vs 1) - Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed **to the things which we have heard**, . . .**

2 Tim 4.1

To what does the phrase “. . . **the things which we have heard**, . . .” refer. This can be none other than the Word of God for us.

It is from the Word of God that we glean the “**Sound Doctrine**” or the “**Sound Teachings**” that are critical to our spiritual growth and a rock solid faith.

This exhortation sounds similar to that we studied in 2 Timothy Last Sunday Evening,

**2 Timothy 4:1–4** - *I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; <sup>2</sup>**Preach the word;** be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. <sup>3</sup>**For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine;** but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; <sup>4</sup>**And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.***

Titus 1.9

Titus says it this way,

**Titus 1:9–11** - **Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught**, that he may be able **by sound doctrine** both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. <sup>10</sup>**For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers,** specially they of the circumcision: <sup>11</sup>**Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not,** for filthy lucre’s sake.

Amos 8

We receive great counsel from the Word of God about how incredibly important it is for us to **“Hold fast to the faithful Word”** of God.

Folks we are living in the fulfillment of the Prophecy given by Amos,

*Amos 8:11–12 - Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a **famine in the land**, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, **but of hearing the words of the LORD**: <sup>12</sup>And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it.*

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At the Same time we are seeing the fulfillment of 2 Timothy 4.1-4 which we just read.

Professing Christians, many of them sincere in their faith, many of them taught by teachers having itching ears, preaching the messages demanded by the multitudes, rather than preaching the whole Word of God, have abandoned the Sure Word of God and **have let the teachings of the Word of God slip.**

Col 2.8

**As a result people are following,**

- **Philosophy** - These are the opinions of men
- **Traditions of men** – These are worldly man-made religions
- **The Rudiments of the World** – These are the trends and tendencies of worldly society

**Listen to the Warning given in the Word of God about the world’s way,**

*Colossians 2:8 - Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.*

*Now be reminded of the Words of our Text,*

*Hebrews 2.1 - Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed **to the things which we have heard**, . . .*

The true Word of God is this King James Bible, which is NOT the same as the many modern versions of the Bible which permeate our world today. Give earnest

heed to **“the things which we have heard”** which is the perfectly preserved plenary Word of God.

**B. The Heeding of the Word of God (vs 1) -**

Therefore we ought to **give the more earnest heed** to the things which we have heard, . . .

- It is an amazing gift from God for us the Have the Word of God
- It is so incredibly important for us to Hold the Word of God
- It is undeniably critical for us to Heed the Word of God

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A. The Holding of the Word of God

To heed the Word of God can only mean we need to obey the Word of God

John 14.15

**Worship** – We come into this Church building to Worship our Lord Jesus Christ. Have you thought about what it really means to Worship our Lord?

**Some people think that Worshiping God is expressed in,**

- **An Emotional Response** – Maybe in some tears, or some joy or laughter.
- **A Charismatic Response** – Maybe in speaking in Tongues or some other spiritual gift
- **A Physical Sensation** – Like goose bumps

Now, I am not trying to diminish the fact that people can sense or feel the presence God in worship or even in their daily lives.

My point here is to help us grasp the true God given purpose of Worship.

When you leave this place you will give evidence of your worship by your response to Worshiping God.

**Our Lord Jesus Christ said,**

**John 14:15** - *If ye love me, keep my commandments.*

**John 14:23** - *Jesus answered and said unto him, **If a man love me, he will keep my words:** and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*

Our text says,

**Hebrews 2:1** - *Therefore we ought to give **the more earnest heed** to the things which we have heard, . . .*

1 John 2.3

That is we must determine that we will hear the Word of God and then earnestly endeavor **to HEED the Word of God.**

We often hear people say, “I know Jesus Christ!” Do you know how to evaluate whether someone really knows our Lord or if they are deceived? It is actually quite simple.

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**1 John 2:3–6** - *And hereby we do know that we know him, if we **keep his commandments.** <sup>4</sup>He that saith, I know him, and keepeth **not his commandments, is a liar,** and the truth is not in him. <sup>5</sup>But whoso **keepeth his word,** in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. <sup>6</sup>He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.*

Folks that is the Word of God. **Our greatest evidence that we truly know and love the Lord Jesus Christ is our Obedience to His Words,** or the Word of God.

So we see that,

- It is an amazing gift from God for us the Have the Word of God
- It is so incredibly important for us to Hold the Word of God
- It is undeniably critical for us to Heed the Word of God

One more thing to consider from our text.

**C. The Handling of the Word of God (vs 2)** - *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.***

1 Pet 1.23

Professing Christian’s in our day have failed to hear this last portion of our text. **They have let the Word of God slip.**

Now the Word of God will never slip in and of itself. God has said,

**Psalm 119:89–90** - *For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. <sup>90</sup>Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.*

**1 Peter 1:23** - *Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, **which liveth and abideth for ever.***

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C. The Handling of the Word of God**

**Hebrews 4:12** - *For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

God has established **His Word of God**, He has promised to perfectly preserve His Word to every generation.

**We hold in our hands that perfect Word of God in this King James Bible.**

**People let the Word of God slip on the wet slippery clay of,**

- **People's feeble opinions** – It does not matter what you think, all that matters is what God has said.
- **People's ungodly interpretations** – Some people mistakenly think that everyone interprets the Word of God. The Word of God says,

**2 Peter 1:20–21** - *Knowing this first, **that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.** <sup>21</sup>For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*

- **Preachers and teachers having itching ears**

**2 Timothy 4:3–4** - *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; <sup>4</sup>And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.*

Christians do not need a preacher that will tell them exactly what they want to hear. **People need a preacher that will stand firmly on the Word of God and will preach the Word of God in season and out of season.** You need the green plush pastures of the pure Word of God. Too many preachers are trampling under foot the pastures of the Word of God to tell people what they want to hear.

- **Peoples Democratic Positions** – This is to follow the majority and popular opinion. This is the American idea that the majority of the people must always be right.

Our Lord warned us when He said,

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C. The Handling or the Word of God

*Matthew 7:13–14 - Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: <sup>14</sup>Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.*

America's founding fathers knew the democratic majority would likely follow the wrong path in life so they set America up as a Republic and not as a Democracy. **We are a Democratic Republic with Almighty God as our sovereign.** As Americans strive to run away from God and His guidance America will fall into more and more chaos. The moral majority apart from God will always lead to destruction.

Now look at one more statement in our text,

*Hebrews 2:3 - **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;*

Through the Word of God we discover the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ which is that,

- Our Lord Jesus Christ came to save lost people from their sins.
- Our Lord Jesus Christ died on Calvary's Cross to pay the penalty you owe for your sins.

- Our Lord Jesus Christ physically arose from the grave to give you everlasting life in that glorious place He has prepared for you and me.

Will you neglect so great salvation as the Lord Jesus Christ bought for you?

Will you be saved today?

**Will you let God's Word and Truth slip or will you,**

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