

a study of the book of  
**HEBREWS**  
pressing on towards maturity

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## I. FOR THIS REASON

- A. Because Jesus is the heir of all things.
- B. Because Jesus is seated in the place of authority.
- C. Note the similarity to the transfiguration.

## II. WE MUST PAY MUCH CLOSER ATTENTION.

- A. Possibly “closer” - More attention than to the Old Testament
- B. Possibly “closest” - Because other things pull at our attention
  - 1. Parable of the sower

### HEBREWS 2:1-3

1 “FOR THIS REASON WE MUST PAY MUCH CLOSER ATTENTION TO WHAT WE HAVE HEARD, SO THAT WE DO NOT DRIFT AWAY FROM IT. FOR IF THE WORD SPOKEN THROUGH ANGELS PROVED UNALTERABLE, AND EVERY TRANSGRESSION AND DISOBEDIENCE RECEIVED A JUST PENALTY, HOW WILL WE ESCAPE IF WE NEGLECT SO GREAT A SALVATION? AFTER IT WAS AT THE FIRST SPOKEN THROUGH THE LORD, IT WAS CONFIRMED TO US BY THOSE WHO HEARD.”

### MARK 9:5-8

5 “PETER SAID TO JESUS, ‘RABBI, IT IS GOOD FOR US TO BE HERE; LET US MAKE THREE TABERNACLES, ONE FOR YOU, AND ONE FOR MOSES, AND ONE FOR ELIJAH.’ 6 FOR HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT TO ANSWER; FOR THEY BECAME TERRIFIED. 7 THEN A CLOUD FORMED, OVERSHADOWING THEM, AND A VOICE CAME OUT OF THE CLOUD, ‘THIS IS MY SON, LISTEN TO HIM!’ 8 ALL AT ONCE THEY LOOKED AROUND AND SAW NO ONE WITH THEM ANYMORE, EXCEPT JESUS ALONE.”

### III. TO WHAT WE HAVE HEARD

#### A. Words used of

1. Drifting from an anchorage
2. Letting a ring slip from the finger

#### B. Thought is thoughtlessness not antagonism

### IV. HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE IF WE NEGLECT SO GREAT A SALVATION.

#### A. Provision was made for our deepest need at enormous cost.

#### B. God's Word is sure.

1. The message of the Son assures that there is no other way.
2. The message of the Son demands our serious attention.

LUKE 8:14

“THE SEED WHICH FELL AMONG THE THORNS, THESE ARE THE ONES WHO HAVE HEARD, AND AS THEY GO ON THEIR WAY THEY ARE CHOKED WITH WORRIES AND RICHES AND PLEASURES OF THIS LIFE, AND BRING NO FRUIT TO MATURITY.”