

Keeping Your Life On Course

Although Hebrews is called an epistle [letter] it is more like a sermon in form and content.

The author is most likely Paul, who speaks of Timothy as “*brother*,” [1 Timothy 1:2; Hebrews 13:23].

Paul has great concern for those who had previously been Jews drifting back into Judaism or other false religions.

Hebrews 2:1-4 [New King James] *“Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. 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, 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?”*

Paul compares the two messages and two messengers from God the Father.

The Old Covenant given to Moses by angels, [Acts 7:53; Galatians 3:19] where no salvation was given and yet every transgression was justly rewarded. How can we neglect the New Covenant where salvation and eternal life is offered to all who are called, brought by the very Son of God, not an angel?

Also confirmed by many signs, wonders and miracles and the gift of the Holy Spirit to all who believed in the Son of God, Jesus Christ, **not** just those whom God was using to lead and teach His chosen people, Israel.

If we do not listen to God’s Words, as recorded in the Christian Bible, and really hear them, we will start to drift to one side or the other of what is true.

As we drift from God’s Word, the Christian Bible, we will start to doubt what it is telling us, **losing faith in its promises.**

Romans 10:17 [New King James] *“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”*

The study of God’s Word is how we receive faith and maintain our faith in the Creator God.

As we drift away from God’s Word, the Christian Bible, we become spiritually sluggish producing a dullness towards God’s Word, [Hebrews 5:11].

This can cause a despicable attitude towards the Christian Bible and the promises brought to us through Jesus Christ, the Son of God, from God the Father, [Hebrews 10:26-29] to the extent that we wilfully disobey God.

In case we find ourselves “drifting” from God’s Word, the Christian Bible, as our guideline in every aspect of life, we need to read, study and meditate on Hebrews 12:14-29.

The sermon within Hebrews was written and distributed to all of God’s people at a strategic time in history, the Temple was still standing and the sacrifices were still being offered.

In but a few years, both the city and the Temple were destroyed. People were scattered.

Paul was warning that an age was about over. God was “*shaking*” the order of things, [Hebrews 12:25-29] and would do the same again, but also the “*heavens*” would be included in this second “*shaking*” along with fire.

The only part of the universe that will not be “*shaken*” will be the Kingdom of God. Those who, through Godly fear and serving the Creator God, have become part of the created spiritual kingdom built on the foundation of Jesus Christ, and immune to the effect of fire, [1 Corinthians 3:11-15] which will burn up all of the works of humans on earth.

2 Peter 3:10-13 [New King James] *“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.”*

The new heavens and new earth will be following the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, this time as King of kings and Lord of lords.

Revelation 21:1-8 [New King James] *“Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, ‘Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.’ Then He who sat on the throne said, ‘Behold, I make all things new.’ And He said to me, ‘Write, for these words are true and faithful.’ And He said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.’”*

Pray that this world tomorrow will soon be a reality for eventually all human beings who have ever existed.

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