**SERMON SHEET 3/5/23**

**Study of Hebrews #6**

**“Such a Great Salvation”**

**Text: Hebrews 2:3-4**

I. Introduction & review

II. Our great salvation

1. It was declared by Jesus (v. 3b).
2. It was preached by the apostles (v. 3c).
3. It was confirmed by God (v. 4).

III. The fullness of our salvation: past, present, and future

IV. Attentiveness and our salvation: the vital connection

1. How attentiveness begins (Acts 16:14)
2. The dangers of inattentiveness
   1. A hard heart (Zechariah 7:8-12)
   2. A defiant heart (2 Chronicles 24:19; Jeremiah 6:16-19)
   3. Possible loss of physical blessings (Exodus 9:18-21)
3. The blessings of attentiveness
   1. A singular focus on Jesus (Exodus 23:13)
   2. Abundant life (Mark 4:23-25)
   3. Light in the darkness (2 Peter 1:19)

V. Conclusion – a final word

**QUOTES**

1. John Calvin:

*It is not only the rejecting of the Gospel, but even the neglecting of it that deserves the severest penalty in view of the greatness of the grace which is offered in it.… God wishes His gifts to be valued by us at their proper worth. The more precious they are, the baser is our ingratitude if they do not have their proper value for us. In accordance with the greatness of Christ, so will be the severity of God’s vengeance on all despisers of the Gospel.*

2. F. F. Bruce:

*But the great salvation proclaimed in the gospel was brought to earth by no angel, but by the Son of God himself. To treat it lightly, therefore, must expose one to sanctions even more awful than those which safeguarded the law.*

3. Tabletalk, March 1, 2023:

{Jesus] *is not someone whose words can be considered lightly. The teaching of Christ is not something we can take or leave, but our response to it will reveal whether we will enjoy eternal life or eternal destruction*.

4. Kent Hughes:

* *“Signs” pointed beyond themselves to the mighty hand of God. “Wonders” brought awe and amazement to those who saw. “Miracles” (literally, “powers”) showed the power of God beyond human ability. And “gifts of the Holy Spirit” were given according to God’s will. These four things bore weighty testimony to the authenticity of the word of Christ and the confirming word of those who heard him.*
* *The writer is not concerned here about those who have never heard. The transcending concern of this warning text is for those who have heard. Even more, the concern is not for those who reject the gospel, but for those who “ignore” it. The concern is for one’s attitude—the one who has let the greatness of Christ slip away—the one who no longer marvels at the atonement—the one who no longer has a desire for the Word—the one who really does not pray in his spirit—the one who is drifting back to where he came from and has little concern about his drifting.*

**SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE**

* **Heb. 10:14; John 17:17; 2 Thess. 2:13; Heb. 5:9**
* **John 6:44-45; John 7:37**