

Warning: Listen Up!

Hebrews 2:1-4

“Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest we drift away...” (see Heb 12:25)

NKJV – Hebrews 2:1-4

1 Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. **2** For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, **3** 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, **4** God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

NIV – Hebrews 2:1-4

1. We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. 2. For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, 3. how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. 4. God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Introduction

(ie) 1st Grade Teacher – Ms Green. “Think! Think! Think!” Her manner of correction was wrong but her right to do it was correct. I was distracted and not prone to pay particular attention. I was ADD or ADHD, which they did not have a name for at that time. I just had a hard time focusing on things I was not interested in – school in general. I was distracted by rubberbands, paper airplanes, recess, etc.

(ie) Family Spankings – spare the rod, spoil the child. There weren't any spoiled kids in our house. There were behavioral standards or else there was a punishment, or a consequence. At about 14-15 years old I made the connection between punishment and obedience. I did not get any more spankings. I learned how. Obey. I remember one day my brother, a year older, shouted at my mom and dad after a particularly severe spanking, “How come Dickie doesn't get spankings anymore?” I had learned. I hated spankings, not just because they hurt, but because they were demeaning, and I didn't like that.

Correction. Chastisement, Warnings

All of us have had correction by our parents. If they don't correct us they would be both negligent and unloving. It is their love and concern that motivates them to give us stern warnings.

Hebrews Words of...

And I beseech you, brethren, suffer the word of exhortation: for I have written a letter unto you in few words. Hebrews 13:22

7 Word of Exhortation (correction)

7 Word of Encouragement (comfort)

Correction is not a bad thing. It is good for us.

Hebrews 12:25 See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven,

Hebrews 13:22 And I appeal to you, brethren, **bear with the word of exhortation**, for I have written to you in few words.

INSTRUCTION, REBUKING, CORRECTION IS PART OF DISCIPLINE

2 Timothy 2:25 In meekness **instructing** those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

2 Timothy 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for **doctrine**, for **reproof**, for **correction**, for **instruction (training) in righteousness**: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

NIV 2 Timothy 3:15-17

15. and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17. so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

1 Corinthians 11:32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

Hebrews 12:6-11

For whom the Lord loves he chastens, and scourges every son whom he receives. 7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chastens not? 10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for *our* profit, that *we* might be partakers of his holiness. 11 Now no chastening for the present seems to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

Revelation 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

(ie) Locker room half-time speeches.

Harsh, critical, shaming, searing, cutting, demanding, demeaning, threatening, Bobby Knight motivational speeches.

Why? For their benefit and motivation. – We're better than them. Act like it. Play like it.

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NIV - Brothers, I urge you to bear with my word of exhortation, for I have written you only a short letter.

7 Word of Exhortation (correction)

7 Word of Encouragement (comfort)

Scriptural Correction takes many forms.

Didactic Commands: Teach, Edify, Instruct,

Corrective Commands: Admonition, Exhortation, Warning, Reprove, Rebuke, Correct, Chastise,

1. Admonition – noutheteo = warn the mind
2. Edification – oikodomos = build up
3. Exhortation – paraklesis = persuasive comfort, implore
4. Teaching morals – paideia = chastisement, correction, nurture, train
5. Instruction information = didaskalia = informing information
6. Warn or Accuse – aitia = accuse charge with a crime
7. Rebuke or reprove – elegchos = warn with evidence, convince of fault
8. Correction – epanorthosis = put back on course, restoration

Hebrews has its share of warnings!

There are 7 at my last count.

Over the next seven weeks we will be looking at each of them.

Before Easter we will look at 7 Warnings to Believers

Warning is two sided, away from something, and to something

- Feb 22 – Warning #1 - Hebrews 2:1-8 Pay Attention (Listen-up) [neglect]
Mar 1 – Warning #2 - Hebrews 3:7-19 Harden not heart (Softening-up) [unbelief]
Mar 8 – Warning #3 - Hebrews 5:11-6:3 Leave milk of Word (Grow up) [immaturity]
Mar 15 – Warning #4 - Hebrews 6:4-20 Falling Away (Catch Up) [backsliding]
Mar 22 – Warning #5 - Hebrews 10:19-31 Hold Fast (Hold on) [isolationism]
Mar 29 – Warning #6 - Hebrews 12: 3-11 Discipline (Hang on) [discouragement]
– Warning #7- Hebrews 12:12-18 Bitterness (Straighten up) [bitterness]

After Easter we will look at 7 Encouragements for Believers

- Apr 5 – Encouragement #1 – Hebrews 4:12 The Word of God & Prayer
Apr 19 – Encouragement #2 – Hebrews 6:1-3 Learn the Foundations of Faith
Apr 26 – Encouragement #3 – Hebrews 10:19-25 Boldness Before the Throne
May 10 – Encouragement #4 – Hebrews 10:35-39 Cast Not Away Confidence
May 17 – Encouragement #5 – Hebrews 12:1-2 Run the Race
May 24 – Encouragement #6 – Hebrews 13:1-19 Live the Life
May 31 – Encouragement #7 – (Council Sunday) Hebrews 11:1-40 Faith

1st Warning: Exposition of the Passage

Hebrews 2:1 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest <4056> heed <4337> to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip <3901>. *3 how shall we escape* <1628> if we neglect <272> *so great a salvation,*

1. TO GIVE MORE EARNEST: 4056 perissoteros per-is-sot-er'-oce

from 4055; ;adv

AV-more abundantly 4, more exceedingly 2, more abundant 2, much more 1, more frequent 1, the rather 1, exceedingly 1,

the more earnest 1; 13

- 1) more abundantly
- 2) more in a greater degree
- 3) more earnestly, more exceedingly
- 4) especially, above others

2. HEED: 4337 prosecho pros-ekh'-o

from 4314 and 2192; ;v – **be attentive, be careful, pay attention – ship into harbor**

AV-beware 7, give heed to 5, take heed to 3, give heed unto 1, take heed 1, take heed unto 1, take heed whereunto+3739 1, misc 5; 24

- 1) to bring to, bring near
 - 1a) to bring a ship to land, and simply to touch at, put in
- 2) to turn the mind to, attend to be attentive
 - 2a) to a person or a thing: of caring for, providing for
- 3) to attend to one's self, i.e. to give heed to one's self
 - 3a) give attention to, take heed
- 4) to apply one's self to, attach one's self to, hold or cleave to a person or a thing
 - 4a) to be given or addicted to
 - 4b) to devote thought and effort to

3. LET SLIP: 3901 pararrhuego par-ar-hroo-eh'-o

from 3844 and the alternate of 4482; ;v

AV-let slip 1; 1 **to flow by, or slip past**

- 1) to glide by: lest we be carried by, pass by
 - 1a) lest the salvation which these things heard show us how to obtain, slip away from us
 - 1b) a thing escapes me
- 1c) slips my mind

Flow By: 4482 rheo hreh'-o

a primary verb; ;v AV-flow 1; 1 – 1) to flow

(ie) Football player (receiver) catching a pass all alone down field, lets slip

4. ESCAPE: < 1628> ekpheugo – flee away, get off scott free.

Escape what? Damnation? Judgment of God –

-- **I Cor 3:15-17, so as by fire – God will destroy him**

-- **2 Cor 5:10 give account at judgment seat = Accountability**

5. NEGLECT: 272 ameleo = a –negative, meleo, care = thus to care not at all

(ie) A garden can be neglected, a house can be neglected, personal hygiene can be neglected We are accountable to live godly in Christ Jesus. He is at work in us. Spirit lust to envy over us. True believers show themselves true. False believers show themselves false.

What words began to be spoken by Christ and was confirmed to us by those who heard him?

Neglect What? So Great Salvation

All the Commands of Christ – are you listening?

185 Direct commands of Jesus, 459 imperative commands in the New Testament

John 14:15 “If you love me keep my commandments.” - John 14:15, John 15:10

1 John 5:3 “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. (burdensome, heavy, difficult)

Attitudes & Actions	Words & Interactions
Accept ... (Romans 15:5-7)	Greet ... (Romans 16:16)
Be kind ... (Eph 4:32)	Admonish ... (Romans 15:14)
Lay down your life (1 Jn 3:16)	Confess faults ... (James 5:16)
Put up with ... (Eph 4:2)	Comfort ... (1 Thess 4:18)
Honor ... (Romans 12:10)	Edify (1 Thess 4:18)
Love ... (John 13:34)	Exhort ... (Heb 3:13)
Serve ... (Gal 5:13)	Forgive ... (Eph 4:32)
Submit to ... (Eph 5:21)	Sing to ... (Eph 5:19)
Wash feet ... (John 13:14)	Pray for ... (James 5:16)
Bear burdens ... (Gal 6:2)	Spur on ... (Heb 10:24)
Show hospitality ... (1 Pet 4:9)	Break bread in homes (Acts 2:46)

Prohibited Actions – Negative Commands

Judge not ... (Romans 14:13)
 Envy not ... (Gal 5:15)
 Provoke not ... (Gal 5:15)
 Bite not ... (Gal 5:15)
 Devour not ... (Gal 5:15)
 Lie Not ... (Colossians 3:9)
 Defraud Not... (1 Thess. 4:6)
 Show no Partiality To ... (1 Tim 5:21)
 Forsake not Gathering ... (Heb 10:25)
 Put No stumblingblock ... (Rom. 14:13)
 Receive no evil report ... (Matt 18:18-20)

Christian, let us pay attention and never neglect the
commands of Christ. For we must all give an
account of ourselves to God!

When the Word of God speaks.
“Listen up!”

Closing Song:
Word of God Speak

I'm finding myself at a loss for words
And the funny thing is it's okay
The last thing I need is to be heard
But to hear what You would say

[CHORUS]
Word of God speak
Would You pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see
Your majesty
To be still and know
That You're in this place
Please let me stay and rest
In Your holiness
Word of God speak

I'm finding myself in the midst of You
Beyond the music, beyond the noise
All that I need is to be with You
And in the quiet hear Your voice

[REPEAT CHORUS 2x]

I'm finding myself at a loss for words
And the funny thing is it's okay

The Warnings of Hebrews

Defined by one or two key verses

Warning 1: Hebrews 2:1-3 – Listen up (all that Jesus said) neglect

1 Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. 2 For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, 3 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,

Warning 2: Hebrews 3:12-15 – Soften Up (heart of unbelief) secret sins

12 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; 13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, 15 while it is said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

Warning 3: Hebrews 5:11-14 – Grow Up (leave milk of the Word) immaturity

11 of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. 12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. 13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. 14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Warning 4: Hebrews 6:4-6 – Catch Up (danger of falling away) backslidding

4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.

Warning 5: Hebrews 10:25-27 – Hold On (assembly together) isolationism

24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. 26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

Warning 6: Hebrews 12: 3-5 – Hang On (discouraged discipline) discouragement

3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. 4 You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. 5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons:

Warning 7: Hebrews 12:12-14 – Straighten Up (roots of bitterness) bitterness

*12 Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the **feeble knees**, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed. 14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: 15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;*

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Apr 5 – Encouragement #1 – Hebrews 4:12 The Word of God & Prayer

12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

Apr 19 – Encouragement #2 – Hebrews 6:1-3 Learn the Foundations of Faith

*1 Therefore, leaving the discussion of the **elementary principles** of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again **the foundation** of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. 3 And this we will do if God permits.*

Apr 26 – Encouragement #3 – Hebrews 10:19-25 Boldness Before the Throne

Hebrews 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 10:19 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and having a High Priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

May 10 – Encouragement #4 – Hebrews 10:35-39 Cast Not Away Confidence

35 Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. 36 For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:

37 " For yet a little while, And He who is coming will come and will not tarry.

38 Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him."

39 But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.

May 17 – Encouragement #5 – Hebrews 12:1-2 Run the Race

1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

May 24 – Encouragement #6 – Hebrews 13:1-19 Live the Life

1 Let brotherly love continue. 2 Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels. 3 Remember the prisoners as if chained with them—those who are mistreated—since you yourselves are in the body also. 4 Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge. 5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." 6 So we may boldly say: " The LORD is my helper; I will not fear what can man do to me

May 31 – Encouragement #7 – (Council Sunday) Hebrews 11:1-40 Faith

1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Seven (14) Key Teachings of Hebrews

1. Teaching Concerning the Word of God (Heb 4:12)
Teaching Concerning Faith (Heb 11)
Teaching Concerning the Promises of God (Heb 6:17-19, 8:6, 11:1-40)
2. Teaching Concerning Prayer (Heb 4:16, 11:6)
3. Teaching Concerning High Priestly Ministry of Jesus (Heb 7:25-28, 8:16, 9-10:18)
Teaching Concerning the Tabernacle— earthly form of heavenly Realities Copies, shadows, (Heb 8:5, 9:23-24, 10:1)
Teaching Concerning the Blood of Jesus (Heb. 9:22, 10:4)
4. Teaching Concerning Tithing & Giving (Heb 7:5-9, 13:16)
5. Teaching Concerning Rest (Heb 3:11, 3:18. 4:1-11)
6. Teaching Concerning Judgment (Heb 6, Heb 9:27, 10:31, 12:28-29)
Teaching Concerning the Second Coming (Heb 10:36-37)
7. Teaching Concerning Sanctification (Heb 10:14, 13:20-21)

7 Word of Knowledge (instruction)

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7. Teaching Concerning Judgment & Second Coming (Heb 6:2, 9:27, 10:31, 12:28-29)

Word Study of Exhortation

9. Admonition – noutheteo = warn the mind
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16. Correction – epanorthosis = put back on course, restoration

1 Corinthians 14:3

But he that prophesies <4395> speaks <2980> unto men *to edification* <3619>, and *exhortation* <3874>, and *comfort* <3889>.

Edification: 3619 οικοδομη oikodome *oy-kod-om-ay'*

feminine (abstract) of a compound of 3624 and the base of 1430; n f
AV-edifying 7, building 6, edification 4, wherewith (one) may edify 1; 18

- 1) (the act of) building, building up
- 2) metaph. edifying, edification
 - 2a) the act of one who promotes another's growth in Christian wisdom, piety, happiness, holiness
- 3) a building (i.e. the thing built, edifice)

Exhortation: 3874 παρακλησις paraklesis *par-ak'-lay-sis*

from 3870; n f – klesis=call by name in loud voice, para-next to
AV-consolation 14, exhortation 8, comfort 6, intreaty 1; 29

- 1) a calling near, summons, (esp. for help)
- 2) importation, supplication, entreaty
- 3) exhortation, admonition, encouragement
- 4) consolation, comfort, solace; that which affords comfort or refreshment
- 5) persuasive discourse, stirring address
- 5a) instructive, admonitory, conciliatory, powerful hortatory discourse

Comfort: 3889 παραμυθια paramuthia *par-am-oo-thee'-ah*

from 3888; n f

AV-comfort 1; 1 – muthos=speech, para-alongside

- 1) any address, whether made for the purpose of persuading, or of arousing and stimulating, or of calming and consoling
- 1a) consolation, comfort, calming, consoling

2 Timothy 3:16

16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God and *is* profitable for doctrine <1319>, for reproof <1650>, for correction <1882>, for instruction <3809> in righteousness:

Reproof: 1650 ελεγχος elegchos *el'-eng-khos*

from 1651; n m – convict, prove, refute, show fault

AV-reproof 1, evidence 1; 2

- 1) a proof, that by which a thing is proved or tested
- 2) conviction

Correction: 1882 επανορθωσις epanorthosis *ep-an-or'-tho-sis*

from a compound of 1909 and 461; n f

AV-correction 1; 1

- 1) restoration to an upright or right state
- 2) correction, improvement of life or character

Instruction: 3809 παιδεια paideia *pahee-di'-ah*

from 3811; n f - teaching that brings moral change, instill ethics, boundaries

AV-chastening 3, nurture 1, instruction 1, chastisement 1; 6

- 1) the whole training and education of children (which relates to the cultivation of mind and morals, and employs for this purpose now commands and admonitions, now reproof and punishment) It also includes the training and care of the body