

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

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Title: GOD SNAPS HIS FINGERS

Main Text: Heb 2:1-9

Sermon Description: Chapter 2 of Hebrews is a snap of the fingers in the face of the spiritually glazed eyes of a church in imminent danger. Calling their attention to what they have heard lest they drift away in a sea of self-deceived apostasy. Note the imagery contrast in Heb 6:19 “..we have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul...”. To whom much is given, much is required. In Mat 10:14-15, and 11:20-24, the archetypical judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah is evoked as a minimal example of what a post-New Covenant populous can expect if they finally reject so great a salvation! Calvin says: “God wishes 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 despises of the Gospel.”

HEADING: APOSTACY PREVENTION REQUIRES THAT WE...

1. PAY ATTENTION TO THE SOURCE (Heb 2:1-3) ...FOUNDATION

- a. Old Covenant mediation (Ex 19:17-) b. New Covenant mediation (1:1-4) c. Apostolic testimony (Acts 2)

2. PAY ATTENTION TO CONSEQUENCES (Heb 2:2-4) ...FEAR OF GOD

- a. The means of warning (3:12, 6:4-9, 10:26-27, 12:15-17) b. Sin, a capital offense (Ex 19:21-25, Gen 2:15-17, Heb 2:2, 3:17, 10:26-31) c. Witness to a hanging

3. PAY ATTENTION TO HISTORY (Heb 2:5) ...FUTURE

- a. Corroborating apostolic record (II Peter 3:4-13) b. New world order (Heb 1:2, 2:5, 12:27-29)

4. PAY ATTENTION TO REVELATION (Heb 2:6-8) ...FINAL WORK OF CHRIST

- a. Familiarity not enough (2:6) b. Surprising themes (Psalm 8) c. From suffering to sovereignty (2:8-10)

Conclusion: Even here as we read the warning label on the Gospel delivered to the church, we are reminded of the progressing themes of Hebrews: humiliation – redemption – glorification – sovereignty. Heb 12:2 provides a theme for the book, a supreme object of our attention, and a reminder of the value of the Lord's table today! Communion transition...

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
O.T. Source	N.T. Source	Warning	Sin and death	History	Revelation
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Ex 19:17-25	Heb 1:1-4, 2:1-4	Heb 12:15-16	Gen 2:15-17	II Pet 3:4-13	Heb 2:6-8