

## How Shall We Escape?

- Heb. 2:2-4
  - Compare steadfastness of word spoken by angels (Old Law – Deut. 33:2, Acts 7:53) with greater certainty of New Law taught by Jesus and apostles
  - Message declared by angels was reliable & promised punishment/justice
    - Angels are messengers of God and should be trustworthy – Gal. 1:6-9
  - See examples in scripture
- Angels with Sodom & Gomorrah – Gen. 18, 19
  - Gen. 18:20-21, 32 – outcry against the cities, bringing God’s punishment
  - Gen. 19:13, 23-25 – Lord sent them to destroy cities
    - God/angels listened to pleadings of Abraham and Lot
  - Just rewards for people of Sodom/Gomorrah, Lot’s wife
- Compare salvations in OT with Heb. 2
  - Lot spared fire & brimstone—physical death—because he listened and obeyed
  - Lot’s wife disobeyed and turned back – Lk. 17:31-33
    - What punishment awaits us if we don’t listen and obey?
  - How shall we escape?
    - Only thru obedience – 2 Pet. 2:6-9
  - If we neglect our salvation
    - If punishment stands for neglect, what about open refusal and rebellion?
    - Num. 15:30-31 – intentional/defiant sin described as despising word of the Lord
    - Heb. 10:28 – rejecting law of Moses earned death penalty
- Will you escape eternal punishment?
  - Are you neglecting salvation?