

MISSING THE GREAT ESCAPE
Manvel Bible Chapel Family Bible Hour – 29 May 2022

Attention Step: “How Shall We Escape? -- Hebrews 2:3

- What could prevent escape?
 - No warning, not believing warning, postponing response, no ability,
 - Not believing the Warning
 - Postponing response to the warning
 - No ability to escape
 - Treating current activities as more urgent than escape.

Introduction:

- There is a real danger facing all of mankind
- Shortly after creation God gave Adam a warning of this danger-[Genesis 2:17](#)
- Ever since, death has been the primary doorway which ushers human beings into one of two eternal destinies. After death, the eternal destiny they’ve chosen is irrevocable --[Hebrews 9:27](#)
- One of these destinies is so horrible, all should want to escape it. --
- Introduce TRACT, “HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE!” -- [Matthew 25:41 & 46](#)
- Describe LINK for lesson resources at the end of this handout giving access to Tract (2 formats), handout copy, full notes, Pwr Pt. slides, & audio.

Overview of Lesson

- 1. Neither devils nor people deserve salvation.**
- 2 . God suffered greatly in providing this salvation.**
- 3. If you neglect this costly salvation you have no hope!**

Body of Lesson:

1. Neither devils nor people deserve salvation

- Adam’s sin introduced sin and death to all mankind -- [Romans 5:12](#)
- When Satan his followers sinned, no escape from punishment provided.
- James said they tremble in anticipation. -- [James 2:19](#)
- This demonstrated by Gadarene demoniac upon Jesus’ coming. -- [Mat. 8:29](#)
- They know God has set a time for this punishment to begin.
 - Most of humanity will join them there at Jesus’ command. [Mat. 25:41](#)
 - How we know MOST of humanity will have this destiny -- [Mat.7:13-14](#)
 - Jesus refers to strait gate and narrow way when someone asks if only few shall be saved. -- [Luke 13:23-24](#)
 - EXAMPLE: NYC subway turnstile -- hard to pass with baggage.

2. God suffered greatly in providing this salvation.

- The Serpent in the wilderness illustrates this -- [John 3:14](#)
 - Why is Christ represented by a serpent?
 - because He was bearing serpent-initiated sins on the cross

- Christ bore punishment for our sins -- not His own. -- [1 Peter 2:24](#)
- Our sins which He bore were so odious to the Father that He turned His face away from His Son during those hours of darkness.
 - Prophesied by the Psalmist -- [Psalms 22:1](#)
 - Prophecy fulfilled! -- [Matthew 27:46](#) -- (repeated in Mark 15:24)
- It was an INFINITE payment!
 - God is infinitely holy so each sin against him earns infinite punishment.
 - Multiply by the many sins of God's chosen -- unfathomable penalty!
 - Our minds cannot even grapple with this enormity (E
 - Example of Dad contemplating the enormity of space.
- Christ bore this infinite punishment on the cross.
- THIS IS TRULY A GREAT SALVATION!!!
- 3. If you neglect this costly salvation you have no hope!**
- Reiterate theme verse -- [Hebrews 2:3](#)
- Peter's realization: Jesus had told his followers that they had no ability to come to Him unless it was given to them by His Father. --[John 6:65](#)
 - because man's fallen heart, spiritually dead. -- no desire for God
 - God repeatedly refers to "The Elect"
 - SO offensive to Jesus' followers that many of them abandoned Him right then and there. The very next verse shows this. -- [John 6:66](#)
 - Fallen Man resents being told he doesn't have a sovereign "FREE WILL"
- Jesus then asked His twelve disciples if they would also leave. -- [John 6:67](#)
- I love Peter's response! -- [John 6:68-69](#)

SUMMARY

- Peter realized that, without Christ, salvation is impossible. There was no other way to obtain forgiveness and salvation.
- anyone who dies having rejected or neglected this great salvation, is doomed forever.
- God the Son, Jesus Christ, the crucified, risen and ascended Lamb is the ONLY SAVIOR -- [John 14:6](#)

Closing Comments

NOTE: The link, below, provides access to: Tract "How Shall We Escape" (2 formats), copy of this handout, full notes, Pwr Pt. slides, & audio.

<http://lightingdarkness.com/missing-the-great-escape-sermon/>