

Dear Grace Church,

In preparation to make the most of the message this coming Lord's Day, I encourage you to continue reading the book of Hebrews in a single sitting to become more familiar with it and especially to get the flow of thought: The presentation of Christ as the Final Prophet, Final Priest, and Final King to be the Mediator of the fullest and final revelation of God for a better covenant (marriage) between God and his people for life together in an alienated, dysfunctional world.

I'll be taking up the complete unit of thought in Hebrews 2:1-4 and its relationship to Hebrews 1:1-14. So please read Hebrews 1:1-2:4 together, Then read and pray through the outline. Finally, please pray for me and each of us that we may prepare our soul to receive, adore, and obey Sweet King Jesus.

Seeking to "take heed of the wonder" of Christ together with you,

Murray

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**“Taking Heed of the Wonder of So Great a Salvation-
Last Wonder or Lost Wonder”**

Hebrews 2:1–4

KeyWords for Kids: “So Great Salvation,” “Grace Reigns through Righteousness,” Dullness, Drifting, “King Jesus-The Last Wonder of the World”

¹Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.

²For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, ³how 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*, ⁴God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will? (NKJV)

I. Solemn Warning Against Careless Hearing of Christ’s Word and Work of Salvation (1-3a)

A. How to pay careful attention to Christ’s word and work (1, 3a)

[NOTE: the word “Therefore” looks back to the previous verses, and the words “so great salvation” in verse , sum up the contents of Hebrews 1 and the glory of person and work of Christ]

B. The problem of losing what you hear (1b)

C. The absolute certainty and inconceivable severity of God’s judgment for neglecting his salvation (2-3a)

II. God’s Threefold Witness of Christ’s Person and Work (3b-4)

[NOTE: The rejection of Christ’s supremacy in our lives is not an intellectual problem, but a spiritual problem stemming from the supremacy and idolatry of self and “other things”.]

A. Apostles’ Testimony (3c)

B. Signs, Wonders, and Miracles (4a)

C. Gifts of the Holy Spirit (4b)

Psalm 67

An Invocation and a Doxology

To the Chief Musician. On [a]stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song.

67 God be merciful to us and bless us,

And cause His face to shine upon us, *Selah*

2 That Your way may be known on earth,

Your salvation among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise You, O God;

Let all the peoples praise You.

4 Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy!

For You shall judge [govern] the people righteously,

And govern [lead] the nations on earth. *Selah*

5 Let the peoples praise You, O God;

Let all the peoples praise You.

6 *Then* the earth shall yield her increase [*give her produce*];

God, our own God, shall bless us.

7 God shall bless us,

And all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

Grace Welcomes You

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Love Still Bids You Welcome

Oh, God of grace

How often have I grieved Thee

How seldom have I sung Thy praise

And little do I know

How much I need Thee

And time again I turn away.

For how my heart
Is hard and unbelieving
For all I've done and left undone
Your love is not reluctant
To receive me
My soul draws back but love says, "Come"

He will not cast you out
He will not cast you out
Whoever enters in
Will forever dwell with Him
Draw near, faint heart draw near
Oh, love still bids you welcome here.

Oh, Father when
I sin against my neighbor
I turn away your very Son
Who died to call us friends
When we were strangers
And says to every sinner "Come"

He will not cast you out
He will not cast you out
Whoever enters in
Will forever dwell with Him
Draw near, faint heart draw near
Oh, love still bids you welcome here.

Oh, Lord of light
You call us out of darkness
To turn aside from sin and live
As prodigals, we come
To you for pardon
Oh, Abba Father take us in.

He will not cast you out
He will not cast you out
Whoever enters in
Will forever dwell with Him
Draw near, faint heart draw near
Oh, love still bids you welcome here.

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Draw near, faint heart draw near
Oh, love still bids you welcome here.

Psalm 130 (From The Depths of Woe)

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee
The voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me
And hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark,
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O who shall stand before Thee?
(Who shall stand before Thee?)
O who shall stand before Thee?
(Who shall stand before Thee?)

To wash away the crimson stain,
Grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! Are all in vain;
In much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight,
All must alike confess Thy might,
And live alone by mercy
(Live alone by mercy)
And live alone by mercy
(Live alone by mercy)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord,
And not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word
Upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort,
My comfort and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience
(Wait for it with patience)
I wait for it with patience
(Wait for it with patience)

What though I wait the live-long night,
And 'til the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in His might;
It doubteth not nor feareth;
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed,
Ye of the Spirit born indeed;
And wait 'til God appeareth
(Wait 'til God appeareth)
And wait 'til God appeareth
(Wait 'til God appeareth)

Though great our sins and sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows,
Our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He,
Who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow
(All their sin and sorrow)
From all their sin and sorrow
(All their sin and sorrow)

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Sovereign Grace o'er Sin Abounding

Sovereign grace o'er sin abounding!
Ransomed souls, the tidings swell;
'Tis a deep that knows no sounding;
Who its breadth or length can tell?
On its glories,
Let my soul forever dwell.

What from Christ that soul can sever,
Bound by everlasting bands?
Once in Him, in Him for ever;
Thus the eternal covenant stands.
None shall take Thee
From the Strength of Israel's hands.

Heirs of God, joint-heirs with Jesus,
Long ere time its race begun;
To His name eternal praises;
O what wonders love has done!
One with Jesus,
By eternal union one.

On such love, my soul, still ponder,
Love so great, so rich, so free;
Say, while lost in holy wonder,
Why, O Lord, such love to me?

Hallelujah!

Grace shall reign

Hallelujah!
Grace shall reign
Hallelujah!
Grace shall reign eternally.

Begone Unbelief

Begone unbelief, My Savior is near,
And for my relief Will surely appear:

By faith let me wrestle,
With God in the storm

And help me my Savior, the faith to adorn
And help me my Savior, the faith to adorn

Though dark be my way,
Since he is my guide,
'Tis mine to obey, and His to provide;
Though cisterns be broken,
And creatures all fail,
The word he has spoken will surely prevail.
The word he has spoken will surely prevail.

Begone unbelief, The Savior is here

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Though cisterns be broken

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The word he has spoken will surely prevail

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Why should I complain, Of want or distress
Temptation or pain? He told me no less
The heirs of salvation, I know from his word
Through much tribulation
Must follow their Lord
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Since all that I meet will work for my good,
The bitter is sweet, The medicine food;
Though painful at present,
Will cease before long,
And then, O! how glorious,
The conqueror's song!
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The Lord Is My Salvation

The grace of God has reached for me,
And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground,
The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls,
His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun,
The Lord is my salvation

Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won,
The Lord is my salvation

My hope is hidden in the Lord,
He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come,
The Lord is my salvation

In times of waiting, times of need,
When I know loss, when I am weak
I know His grace will renew these days,
The Lord is my salvation

Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won,
The Lord is my salvation

And when I reach my final day.

He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise, He will call me home,

The Lord is my salvation

Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won,
The Lord is my salvation

Glory be to God the Father
Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit
The Lord is our salvation

Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won,
The Lord is my salvation

Jesus, Fount of Joy Eternal

Jesus, fount of joy eternal,
Spring of endless love divine
Deepest well once poured out for us,
Filling empty hearts with life
Come rejoice, be glad forever,
Come rejoice again in Christ
Jesus, fount of joy eternal,
Precious savior, our delight

Long we drank from shallow waters,
Filled but never satisfied
Till when Calv'ry's flood broke open,
Mercy flowed in full supply
Oh what heights of truest pleasure,
Oh what depths of sacrifice
Jesus, fount of joy eternal,
By his blood we're washed as white

Just beyond these restless waters,
There's a land where peace will reign
Sin and sadness there are swallowed,
In a sea of sovereign grace
On those shores we'll sing forever,
Planted by the streams of life
Jesus, fount of joy eternal,
Heaven's treasure our delight

Behold the Lamb (Communion Hymn)

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us, and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross

So we share in this bread of life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ,
Torn for you, eat and remember;
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one

So we share in this bread of life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you, Drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.

So we share in this bread of life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond, and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on Earth

As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of Heaven
Around the table of the King

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Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder

Let us praise the Savior's name

He has hushed the law's loud thunder

He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame

He has washed us with His blood

He has washed us with His blood

He has washed us with His blood

He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord Who bought us
Pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown
He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood,
Soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more
He Who washed us with His blood
He Who washed us with His blood
He Who washed us with His blood
Has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us

Now their praises fill the sky

Thou hast washed us with Thy blood

Thou hast washed us with Thy blood

Thou hast washed us with Thy blood

Thou art worthy Lamb of God

Yes, we praise Thee, gracious Saviour
Wonder, love, and bless Thy Name.
Pardon, Lord our poor endeavor
Pity for Thou know'st our frame
Wash our souls and songs with blood
Wash our souls and songs with blood
Wash our souls and songs with blood
For by Thee, we come to God