

Drifting Heb. 2:1

"Therefore" He speaks this word for some three reasons:

1. Because God has spoken to us by His Son. ^{He speaks in Heb.}
This is important because the Son is just as much God as the Father. The speaking is not less valuable because the Son spoke it. We have no proof that the Son is less eternal than God, God Father, God-Son, and God-Spirit are all with out beginning. J. W. Wesley said concerning the ex. position "This day have I begotten thee" "I have begotten thee from eternity which by its unchangeable duration is one continued unsuccessive day". At Baptism
2. Because that Son is not only eternal but such a glorious personage. He is Son because He was that part of the Godhead that acted as a dutiful and loving Son. His emptying Himself, humbling Himself, and giving Himself up for us, very deservedly a glorious person, we want glory eternally and here. (Our Man forever)
3. Because of what Jesus had to say to us being of such everlasting importance. It having to do with the saving of the eternal side of our beings - "Therefore" - therefore what? we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, that is the story of Creation, God's relation to man, and this wonderful salvation through Jesus,

Why should we give more earnest heed? Lest at anytime we should let them slip. A man starts on a rope to some place of high altitude. Suppose he forgets to grip the rope? Although he is traveling toward the top he lets his hands slip and comes back to earth perhaps hurt and in a much worse condition than when he started up. I know a man who once was converted and became very active in church work and to my own certain knowledge enjoyed Heb. and thought of preaching.

He met with financial reverses, his health became sub normal and gradually he became more lax in his Rel. life. He began to swear soon he never did Bt. Conversion - he became cross with his family and rebellious against God. He let principles of salvation slip - He was a worse man than Bt. his Conversion.

"Lest at any time we should let them slip" let them leak out! This is a metaphor taken from an unstaunch vessel or barrel whose staves shrink and then crevice let the water out.

The revised version gives it a good interpretation, "Lest haply we drift away from them: people falsely accuse Methodist saying we believe in falling away from salvation or in other words "falling from grace", drifting away from a saved condition. We do not believe in falling from grace but believe you can.

"drifting" is a most dangerous thing. I have never yet seen anything drifting up stream. you do not see things drifting out to the shore of safety. There is danger of drifting away from the path of,

1. Duty
2. Right
3. Safety

Picture of life

1. Vapor of life
2. Ship at anchor
3. Mass that grows up - out down
4. Eagle that has teeth in its prey
5. Drifting (this would imply getting hold of an old dog - & watching)

There are snarls all along the way to entrap us and lead us off from the right path.

1. Pride
2. Flesh
3. Devil

4 things that start us to drifting

1. Business reverses
2. borrow - sorrow either, sulatters or soulers
lge.
3. Soul wrong in relation to some other, but -
Man being - ungodliness
4. Some secret sin. - suicide.

Do I speak to "drifting" Church mem-
bers 1/2-day?

A word to the non church member
open our things in the current to beat ye
down.

1. Atmosphere of worldliness
2. Daily task - pre-occupied
3. Deadliness that comes from constantly re-
jecting the light. How can I get me
to it.

young fellow heard preacher say "when
you have a Rel. impression the time to
act upon it is right there". He walked down
the aisle - gave heart to Jesus. He went back
to saw wife saying, "Brody caught in mud
& crushed." "Send for the preacher" - P. got
there & said "Charlie I am here what did
you want to say?" "wasn't it glorious
thing that I settled it in time?"

