

“NEGLECT - MAKE LIGHT OF”

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INTRODUCTION

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- A. TEXT: *“Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things that were heard, lest haply we drift away from them. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; how shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation which having at the first been spoken through the Lord, was confirmed unto us by them that heard;”* (Heb. 2:1-3).
1. One of a series of warnings that Paul gives.
 2. “Give more earnest heed...
 3. “Lest we drift away.” (v. 1)
- B. GREAT MESSAGE BECAUSE:
1. The known authority of the Law - and this message is greater.
 2. The character of the New Message is Salvation.
 3. The Person of the Messenger.
 4. The Confirmation of the Message. Signs and by gifts of the Holy Spirit.
 5. The inevitable consequence of Neglect.
- C. THE WORD “NEGLECT”
1. Compare to Matthew 22:5. (Invitation to the marriage feast)
 2. Same word.
 - a. “Ameleo” = Matt. 22:5 = “Made light of”
 - b. “Ameleo” = Heb. 2:3 = “Neglect”
 3. “To be careless, not to care”
 4. Translated also as “regard” or lack of regard.
- D. ONE OF MAN’S PROBLEMS TODAY - In important things man:
1. Is careless.
 2. Hold it in no regard.
 3. Makes light of...Mocks.
 4. Let us notice some examples:
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MAKE LIGHT OF GOD

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- A. The theory of evolution.
1. Where did we come from?
 2. Who is your (our) nearest non-human relative?
- B. BY PROFANING HIS NAME:
1. “O my God”....is a laugh line for many.
 2. Curse and swearing.
 3. Taking God’s name in vain.
 4. Exodus 20:1-4 (Beginning of 10 Commandments)
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MAKE LIGHT OF CHRIST

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- A. “Laughed Him to scorn” (Matt. 9:24).
 - 1. The occasion. Ruler’s daughter - sick - died.
 - 2. Mis-understood His power.
 - 3. Raised her from dead.
 - B. JUST A CARPENTER: During His ministry, Made light of what he did.
 - C. ON THE CROSS: Thy mocked Him....Made light of Him.
 - D. **MEN TODAY:**
 - 1. Those of the world who deny Him.
 - 2. Those in religion who:
 - a. Make light of his teachings.
 - b. Neglect, Take no care for what he says.
 - 3. Have no regard or respect for the teachings of Jesus.
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Make Light Of The Gospel

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- A. One way as good as another.
 - B. Doesn’t matter what you believe as long as honest, sincere, etc.
 - C. Don’t know and are not interested enough to study God’s Word to see what He would have us to do. Rather decide for themselves.
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MAKE LIGHT OF SIN

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- A. The Moral Decay Of Our Day:
 - 1. The preacher, tried by his church for performing marriage for two homosexuals. Found not guilty. What he did was all right.
 - 2. Preacher for same denomination - publicly preaches and teaches - free sexual activity for every one, without marriage for teenagers to those who have lost their mates through death or divorce.
 - B. THE WORLD MAKES LIGHT OF SIN.
 - 1. You name it....
 - 2. And the world tries to excuse it.
 - C. BUT GOD STILL SAYS: “THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH!”
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Makes Light Of The Church

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- A. CHRISTIANITY YES.....CHURCHANITY NO!
 - 1. Sounds good....but honestly...
 - 2. They don’t know what they are saying.
 - B. YOU CANNOT DENY THE CHURCH WITHOUT DENYING CHRIST!
 - 1. Because it is His Body
 - 2. He bought it with His Blood. (Acts 20;7).
 - C. HE IS ITS **HEAD AND SAVIOR**. (Ephesians, Colossians)
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Neglect So Great Salvation

A. HOW MANY TODAY - NEGLECT - MAKE LIGHT OF THE SALVATION THAT GOD OFFERS?

1. Do not say or teach that it (salvation from God) is a bad thing.
2. Just not interested.
3. At least not now.

B. WHAT POSITION DOES RELIGION AND SPIRITUAL MATTER HOLD IN THE LIFE OF PEOPLE TODAY?

1. As you drive to worship on Sunday morning, do you see more people:
 - a. Getting out and going to worship
 - b. Staying home...self indulging , resting, napping, loafing, etc.
 - c. Going for entertainment...sports, fish, car races, etc.
2. Now read: (Matthew 6:33) (See also Luke 9:23)

C. CAN'T MAKE LIGHT OF IT NOW....

1. Then claim it (salvation) after death.
 2. *“Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. (Galatians 6:7).”*
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CONCLUSION

A. HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE?

B. ANSWER: There is no Escape....for those who “make light of the Great Salvation.

C. IN MATTHEW 22:5 THEY MADE LIGHT OF HIS INVITATION.

WHAT WILL WE DO WITH IT TODAY?

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