

## How Shall We Escape

**Scripture:** Hebrews 2:3, 3:12 NIV

### Introduction

Of all the things that the angels must wonder about, perhaps the most enigmatic is man's casual attitude about his salvation and his eternal destiny. The scripture plainly tells us of the horrors of hell, and shows us the method of escape. Yet we continue to ignore God's marvelous provision.

### I. The problem of escape

**Romans 2:3 NIV** So when you, a mere man, pass judgement on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgement?

**Luke 21:36 NIV** Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.

- A. God is going to judge sin
- B. God is about to bring judgement on the earth
  - 1. Do you have a plan of escape
  - 2. Will you be able to stand before God in your present spiritual condition?
- C. God has devised a plan of escape

### II. The practice of neglect

**2 Peter 1:10 NIV** Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall.

- A. We have time for everything we really want to do
- B. We ignore doing the things that will insure eternal life
  - 1. Fellowship with God
  - 2. Study of God's word
- C. We ignore the spiritual condition of those we love
- D. Our greatest sins are sins of omission

**James 4:17 NIV** Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.

### III. The provision of salvation

**Hebrews 2:3 NIV** ...how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation?

- A. It is the only provision for fellowship with God

**Acts 4:12 NIV** Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

- B. It cost God his only Son to make it available

**John 3:16 NIV** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

- C. It costs you nothing to receive it

**Revelation 22:17b NIV** ...and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.

- D. It will cost you everything to reject it