

Are We Drifting?

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Introduction

1. Hebrews 2:1 NKJV
2. The tenor of the book of Hebrews is to keep Jewish Christians from drifting back into Judaism and from the truth. We too can drift from the truth. Verse 3 “we”
3. Thus this warning is for us today
4. In today lesson we want to discuss the meaning of drift, the symptoms of drifting, what causes drifting, and the consequences of drifting.

II Discussion

1. The meaning of “drifting”
 - a. Literally it means to flow past, or to glide by, as in a boat with no anchor.
 - b. To drift means to neglect Hebrews 2:3, neglect a garden and the weeds will take over, so it is in our spiritual life; the weeds of worldliness will take over.
 - c. To drift means to forsake the Lord Isaiah 1:4; Jeremiah 2:13; John 6:66
 - d. To drift means to depart from God 1 Samuel 15:15-18
2. The symptoms of drifting
 - a. You can treat the symptoms and never affect the disease!
 - b. Lose the Joy of salvation Philippians 4:4; Psalm 51:12
 - c. Cease to pray 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Luke 22:42
 - d. Discontent, critical Matthew 7:1-3
 - e. Foolish excuses Luke 14:16-24
 - f. Neglect Bible study 1 Peter 2:2; Psalm 119:105, 130
 - g. Neglect the worship John 4:24; Hebrews 10:25
 - h. Less work in the church 1 Corinthians 15:58
 - i. Neglect of souls Proverbs 11:30; 1 Timothy 4:16
3. The causes of drifting
 - a. The deceitfulness of sin Hebrew 3:12; 11:24-25
 - b. There is plenty of time to become concerned about salvation James 4:13-14; Proverbs 27:1; 2 Corinthians 6:2
 - c. Some look for a convenient season acts 24:25
 - d. Some are burdened with “cares” of this life Luke 8:14
 - e. Some think that God will make an exception to them Romans 2:11; Acts 10:34-35
4. The consequences of drifting
 - a. Deceit is involved; most don’t start out to leave God, but little by little, like a boat not anchored, it will be away from where we want it.
 - b. Downward – not upward dead fish go down stream, live fish go up stream
 - c. Damnation of the soul if not resolved 2 Corinthians 5:10
 - d. God has given us all we need to keep from drifting, will we use what we have?

III Conclusion

1. Each person is responsible for himself 2 Corinthians 13:5
2. Are you drifting, are you off course?
3. Some may not have entered the boat and thus are not drifting they are not close to the Lord
4. If you are drifting then come back

Sources: Old sermon preached Batesville 12/15/85; Lineville 9/13/02/ Focus of faith sermon outlines from Tom Holland; Wiersbe’s in Logos; Studies in Hebrews Schertz lecture