

Neglect

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" (Heb. 2:3). You admit the judgment to be true; you feel your unfitness to enter Heaven and become a citizen of God's Kingdom; but you put it off, and the tempter forges the chain a little tighter around you, until you become a helpless slave to the will of the tyrant who is dominating your life. It is a serious thing to neglect salvation.

All you have to do to miss the Pearly Gates is to put off - to neglect so great salvation, for "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" You may be one of the multitude today who forget God. The Book says, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God."

You neglect the means of grace, trifle with the mercy of God, go on in pride and sin, until the voice of God pleads no more; and the Shepherd passes you by, goes on to find some other soul, while you are left to go into outer darkness, where there shall be weeping and "wailing and gnashing of teeth" - because you neglect to get right with God.

You might come to the border of God's salvation, be almost persuaded to be a Christian, and miss it as much as if you were a million miles from it. God thundered out of Heaven and said, "O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!"

Remember, destruction lies at the end of the way, just as surely as you fail to seek the face of the living God. "Walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment." Judgment is certain. You may avoid punishment for some things in this world, but you will never escape the judgment of God. Judgment is on the track of every sinner who rejects the Gospel of Jesus Christ and neglects so great salvation. You do not know that God will spare you to see another day.

"Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die?" (Ezek. 33:11).

"O turn, while the Savior in mercy is waiting,

And steer for the Harbor light;

For how do you know but your soul may be drifting

Over the dead-line tonight?"