

## SO GREAT SALVATION.

‘How shall we escape, if we neglect so GREAT SALVATION?’ HEB. ii. 3.

A MAN is dying of some deadly disease, the best possible medical advice is procured, the only medicine known to cure such a disease is prescribed and placed alongside of the patient ; he does not refuse to take it, but he *neglects* to do so, and dies, and thus has to pay the penalty of his folly. Whose fault is it ?

A house is on fire, the inmates of the burning building are aroused, a fire-escape ladder is wheeled to one of the windows where escape is possible ; a man is seen looking out of the window, he does not refuse the ladder, but he *neglects* it, and as the floor beneath him gives way, he falls with it into the flames below and is burned to a cinder. Who is to blame ?

A man has fallen overboard, he is unable to swim a stroke, a life-buoy is thrown to him and falls within his reach ; he refuses it, thinking he is able to swim to the ship from which he has fallen ; he *neglects* the only means whereby he could be saved from a watery grave, and is drowned. Where does the fault lie ?

And you are a dying sinner and God’s remedy is *salvation*. You are not in a burning building, but you are exposed to the everlasting flames of the lake of fire, and God’s way of escape for you is *salvation*. You are overboard, struggling and sinking in the surging sea of death ; but God has a life-buoy for you, and that is *His salvation*. Now do you receive it or refuse it ?