

“FOR HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE, IF WE  
NEGLECT SO GREAT SALVATION; WHICH  
AT THE FIRST BEGAN TO BE  
*SPOKEN BY THE LORD.*”

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LET me ask, Is there no need for this exhortation? What can be thought of the fate of the man who neglects what God, by His own Son, has proclaimed? What the condition of him who neglects a salvation that could only be accomplished by the mission, and sorrows, and sufferings, and death of God's Son.

God will vindicate His word when spoken by angels; but much more will He visit for the outraged dignity and the rejected love of His Son; for the despisal of that grace which flows only from His glory, His sufferings, and His death!

It is a serious thing for men to neglect their *own salvation*, and it is a legitimate thing to reason with them on the hopelessness of the condition, which such a neglect involves. But there is something deeper than this presented here; it is the neglect of *God's* salvation; the neglect of that intervention of mercy, which only can render it possible for any sinner to appear in the presence of God. This is another idea than the neglect of my own well-being. It is the neglect of God, of His glory, of His holiness, of His authority, of His grace, of His love, of the provisions, of His mercy; the neglect of the salvation accomplished in sorrow and suffering, by His only begotten Son, and is now proclaimed, through the testimony of the Holy Ghost, sent down from above.