

Guardians of the Faith

Hebrews 2.1-4

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Introduction:

- What are some important guardians of the faith?
 - Sound doctrine
 - Memory
 - Reliable witnesses

Main Points: We can guard our faith by...

1. Paying much closer attention to sound doctrine - vs. 1
 - “must” speaks to the necessity and urgency of this exhortation
 - “much closer attention” = more than we have been so far
 - “drifting” can also mean slip away or go down the wrong path
 - 1Timothy 4.16
2. Remembering that disobedience has consequences - vs. 2-3a
 - “the message declared by the angels” refers to the Law
 - Acts 7.38; Galatians 3.19
 - Unwillingness to listen to God
 - “neglect” can also be understood as “ignore”
 - The Golden Calf (Exodus 32) - 3,000 people; Baal worship at Peor (Numbers 25) - 24,000 people; David’s census (2Samuel 24) - 70,000 people

3. Trusting the witnesses - vs. 3b-4

- “confirm” has the connotation of a guarantee or assurance
- The preaching of the Gospel was/is validated by supernatural phenomena
- <https://coldcasechristianity.com/writings/we-can-corroborate-the-gospels-without-verifying-every-detail/>
- Deuteronomy 19.15

Conclusion

- Authority and accountability - stay in the Word and in the fellowship
- Covenants can be broken - remember what happened to Israel when they rebelled
- Personal commitment and responsibility - celebrate and serve
- Sound doctrine, a good memory, and being a faithful witness will protect you from drifting away.

Many churches of all persuasions are hiring research agencies to poll neighborhoods, asking what kind of church they prefer. Then the local churches design themselves to fit the desires of the people. True faith in God that demands selflessness is being replaced by trendy religion that serves the selfish.

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