

# HOW IMPORTANT IS ASSEMBLY

Heb.10:23-27

## INTRODUCTION:

- A. In the church today people have become rather lax in assembling together
- B. It is even being taught that it is not necessary to assemble with other saints of God to be pleasing in God's sight
- C. It is quite evident from such scriptures as Acts 11:26; Jas.2:2; Heb.10:25 that the early church did assemble together regularly
- D. Today we want to consider the importance of assembling together (**Title**)
  - 1. Is it necessary?
  - 2. If it is then do we commit sin when we do not assemble when possible?

## DISCUSSION:

### I. HOW IMPORTANT IS WHAT WE DO IN ASSEMBLY

- A. Some of the acts we perform in assembly are done only on the Lord's day because this is the only time they are approved to be done.
  - 1. Taking Lord's Supper 1Cor.11:23-29; Acts 20:7
  - 2. Giving as prospered 1Cor.16:1,2; 2Cor.9:7
- B. Others are done on Lord's day and other times
  - 1. Singing praises to God Eph.5:19; Col.3:16; Acts 16:25
  - 2. Praying 1Thess.5:17; Acts 2:42; Acts 16:25
  - 3. Preaching and teaching Acts 20:7,31; 24:24,25; Heb.5:12-14
- C. These various acts of worship should be among the most important things in our lives.
- D. How important are they to you!

### II. IMPORTANCE OF THE BENEFITS FROM ASSEMBLY

- A. In the presence of Jesus Christ Matt.18:20
- B. Associated with the best people - Christians Acts 11:26
- C. Partake of the body and blood of Christ 1Cor.11:23-29
- D. Better prepared to help and bless others 2Tim.2:2
- E. Receive instructions - we are fed spiritually Acts 20:28; Even from singing Col 3:16; Exhort one another daily Heb 3:13
- F. If you are not receiving any benefits from the assembly check up on how much you are putting into it.

### III. A COMMAND OF GOD - HOW IMPORTANT ARE THEY?

- A. Old Testament examples:
  - 1. Strange fire Lev.10:1,2
  - 2. Gathering sticks Num.15:32-36

- B. How important is baptism Acts 10:48
  - 1. Can't be in the body without it 1Cor.12:13
  - 2. Can't be saved without it Mk.16:16; 1Pet.3:21
- C. We are taught to provide for our own 1Tim.5:8
  - 1. Nothing hinders us from this duty to God and to our families
  - 2. This, it seems, is the most important to us
  - 3. It is important but no more than any other command of God.
- D. Assembly is a command of God
  - 1. Heb.10:25a **DON'T FORSAKE** (abandon or desert) the gathering together as the habit of some is. (Note: assembling – not the assembly)
  - 2. Heb.10:25b **BUT EXHORT** - speak to, address – one another and how much more as you see (understand) the day coming near. (apparently the last day)
- E. Obedience to God's commands is absolutely essential Matt 7:21

## CONCLUSION:

- A. I fully understand that there are times when it is impossible for us to assemble, and I would be the last person to dictate reasons why a person could not assemble Rom.14:4
- B. What I am suggesting is that we examine our reasons (excuses) to see if they "measure up" to the standard which is the Word of God Jhn.12:48
- C. Would these same "reasons" keep us from fulfilling other commands of God such as - providing for our own - note the principle established in Mal 1:8
- D. No command of God is more important than others
- E. We must so order our lives that we can fulfill all of our obligations to God. Jas.2:10 if we offend in one point we are guilty of all
- F. Then we conclude if we miss the assembly and do not have a valid reason we commit sin, for sin is the transgression of the law 1Jhn.3:4
- G. **AM I ASSEMBLING WITH THE SAINTS AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY AFFORDED TO ME?**