

Some Assembly Required

Hebrews 10:19-25

Introduction

- Many people feel that the assembling of the saints is important.
- At the same time, many feel that it is not entirely necessary.
- There are also some who think it is important, but not for the reasons that the Bible gives.
- In this lesson we will look at what the Bible says about the assembly and consider why God says it is important.

Assembling and the Plan of Salvation

- Heb. 10:25 is the text most commonly referred to for this subject, but there is much we must learn before we can truly understand what this verse is all about.
- Heb. 10:22: *“Let us draw near with a true heart and in full assurance of the faith.”*
- Heb. 10:23: *“Let us holdfast the confession of our hope without wavering.”*
- Heb. 10:24: *“Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works.”*

Assembling and the Plan of Salvation

- All of the New Testament emphasizes the necessity of Christians assembling together.
 - Eph. 4:1-3; Rom. 12:9-13
- If salvation is important, if drawing near to God is important, if love is important, then the assembling of the saints is equally important.
- It is essential for us to fulfill God's plan for His church (Eph. 4:12-16).

Togetherness of the N.T. Church

- Acts 2:42: *“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship...”*
- Acts 2:44: *“Now all who believed were together and had all things in common.”*
- Acts 2:46: *“So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house...”*
- Acts 5:45: *“And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.”*

Together in Need and Encouragement

- Acts 4:23-31: *“And being let go, they went to their own companions...they raised their voice to God with one accord...And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken...”*
- Acts 12:5-12: *“...where many were gathered together praying.”*
- Acts 14:27: *“Now when they had come and gathered the church together...”*
- Acts 15:30: *“And when they had gathered the multitude together...”*

Together in Dealing With Offenses

- Gal. 6:1-10: Brethren are to help one another in struggle against sin.
- Matt. 18:15-17: “...*tell it to the church.*”
- 1 Cor. 5:4: “...*when you are gathered together...deliver such a one to Satan...*”

Together in Worship

- Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16: “*speaking to one another,*” “*teaching and admonish one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.*”
- Acts 20:7: “...when the disciples **came together** to break bread...”
- 1 Cor. 11:17, 33: “Therefore, my brethren, when you **come together** to eat...”
- 1 Cor. 16:1: “Now concerning the **collection** for the saints...”
- 1 Cor. 14:26: “*Whenever you come together...Let all things be done for edification.*”

Down to the Facts

- When are the saints to assemble?
 - Many passages that mention the church coming together, but only two mention the first day of the week (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2)
 - Other passages mention them assembling daily (Acts 5:42).
 - Heb. 10:25 does not distinguish between assemblies, but encompasses all “assembl-ING”
- Specific times are determined by congregations. Members of each congregation have a responsibility to be present whenever the church is assembled.

Down to the Facts

- Why are the saints to assemble?
 - Pray for certain needs (Acts 12:12)
 - Learn of, do, and rejoice in the work of the Lord (Acts 14:27).
 - Deal with offenses (1 Cor. 5:4)
 - Teach and learn from God's word (Acts 2:42; 5:42)
 - Stir up one another unto love and good works (Heb. 10:24).
 - Worship God (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2; Eph. 5:19)

When You're Not There

- You are sorely missed.
 - 1 Cor. 12:27: Like a member of the body is missed, you are missed by those who love and care about you.
- You neglect the worship of God.
- You fail to show brotherly love.
- You lead others astray.
- Your actions manifest your lack of love for God and a lack of hope in His promises.

Conclusion

- To assembly with the saints shows love for the church, honors God and draws near to God.
- Let's draw TOGETHER!