An Assembly You Don't Want To Miss

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INTRODUCTION

- That's really what I want to talk to you about this morning is the nature of assembly and what it's designed to do.
- Not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another. And all the more as you see the day drawing near.
- Whenever we talk about assembling and the need to assemble with the Lord's people, we go to Hebrews 10 25, and it's our comfortable shoe that a lot of times makes people feel guilty.

1 The Strong Term Forsake: Abandonment

Hebrews 10:26–31

- He uses a very strong term here. He uses the term forsake.
- I want to suggest to you contextually that this is tantamount to abandonment.
- Persistence in such a course in time will lead one to surrender his or her faith completely. That's what he's warning about.

2 The Word Is the Idea of Gathering

2 Thessalonians 2:1; Hebrews 10:24; Hebrews 4:1

- The word is the idea of gathering.
- That's talking about the ultimate gathering of the righteous unto God, unto Christ.
- When he finds himself or herself totally sequestered. From association with brethren, he or she then becomes vulnerable to losing or abandoning their faith altogether.
- And so he's saying, we need each other. We need assemblies of the Lord's people.

3 It Boils Down to What Your Motives Are

1 Timothy 5:8

- We certainly don't want to establish a pattern or a habit that would cause us to be guilty of Hebrews chapter 10 and verse 25, as is the habit of some.
- While I can't tell you in every circumstance what is a right and wrong excuse for missing the assemblies of the Lord's people, it's going to boil down to what your motives are.
- What does godliness look like? What does gratitude look like?
- We are coming collectively into the presence of our Creator and Redeemer. That's an awesome thing.

4 Two Motive Mishaps

Luke 18:8

- Number one, where we always declare that my motives were good. After all, I did it.
- So often we want to spin our excuses to remove the guilt.
- The other motive mishap is where I come along and decide whether your motives are good or not.
- It's not them you need to be worrying about. You need to be thinking about how does the Lord regard me.

5 They Are Enthralled With the World

Luke 18:8

- People have problems when it comes to the gatherings of the Lord people. Of course, when their heart is in the wrong place.
- They are enthralled with the world.
- We do not look to the things which are seen, but to the things which are unseen. Because these things are eternal.
- Until we develop that frame of thinking, we will not properly value what takes place here or what takes place when the Lord's people get together.

6 What Happens When We Assemble

Hebrews 10:24; 2 Corinthians 12:15; 1 Timothy 6:17–19

- They keep me anchored in the right things.
- This is about me supplying my part and encouraging and stimulating you unto love and good deeds.
- When you fight through fatigue to assemble with the Lord's people, you're building character.
- As we gather together with Christians, either here or outside this assembly, we are taking hold of that, which is life indeed.

THE CHALLENGE

If the Lord would return this afternoon, would you be ready for the glorious day, the great gathering of his people to him?

MY NOTES