

The Importance of Attendance

Hebrews 10:2-25—Not Forsaking Our Own Assembling Together

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“and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, 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.”

Hebrews 10:24-25 NASB



Introduction

- ▶ Hebrews 10:24-25 is the main passage in the Bible about attendance
- ▶ Context: draw near to God — v. 19ff
- ▶ Message of the book of Hebrews: remain faithful to Christ no matter what

EXEGESIS OF HEBREWS 10:24-25

“and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds”

- ▶ We must consider how to stimulate one another
- ▶ *Paroxusmon* (“stimulate”): to sharpen, stir up, incite, stimulate
- ▶ We must powerfully motivate one another to live right

“not forsaking our own assembling together”

- ▶ Forsaking our assembling is an inconsiderate, selfish act
- ▶ If you forsake our assembling . . .
 - ◆ You cannot stimulate your brethren
 - ◆ Your brethren cannot stimulate you
- ▶ To forsake is to purposefully abandon
- ▶ The opposite of forsaking our assembling is total commitment
- ▶ “Our own assembling together” is not limited to Sunday morning services

“as is the habit of some”

- ▶ Not attending is habit-forming
- ▶ That habit is a symptom of a very serious spiritual disease

“but encouraging one another”

- ▶ Your attendance facilitates the encouraging of others
- ▶ If you’re not here...
 - ◆ You cannot encourage your brethren
 - ◆ Your brethren cannot encourage you

“and all the more as you see the day drawing near”

- ▶ The time is getting shorter
- ▶ So get busy encouraging one another and provoking one another to love and good deeds!