"ASSEMBLING - ASSEMBLY"

"22 let us draw near with a true heart in fullness of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience: and having our bodies washed with pure water, 23 Let us hold fast the confession off our hope that it waver not; for He is faithful that promised: 24 and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works; 25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as you see the day drawing nigh," Heb. 10:22-25.

There is a thought from this passage that I will **not** be addressing: **"The day drawing nigh,"** v.25, has been discussed so much – I believe the real issue has been overlooked; or has not even been taken into consideration. Please consider the material presented to see if the first day of the week **is the only time being considered.**

Many years ago I was studying the "no bible class issue," and came to observe that in the early church there was **more than just one service a week**. In Acts 2:46, it is stated they were meeting "day by day." The wording in Heb. 10:25 would allow this. While being taught the new law and the new system, it was necessary for the Lord's people to meet **every day**. The new born Christians should not forsake the "**assemblies**" – that is where they were taught the Law of Christ. So when there are classes being taught on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, it should be the desire of all Christians, in the area, to be present and here we have the authority of the Bible to not forsake "**the assembling of ourselves together**." This authorizes Sunday afternoon services, it authorizes, Sunday evening services as well and Wednesday evening also.

My "no bible class" brethren take this passage, Heb. 10:25, and change the passage to "assembly" instead of "assembling." The wording in Heb. 10:25 allows more assemblies than just one – this thought is objected to by my "one service" brethren. A correct reading of Heb. 10:25 will cause one to realize that a Gospel Meeting can be included, any other service for the purpose of teaching the Bible is included, and all of God's people should make an effort to attend. The point that is being made is we should attend all the services provided for our learning and edification.

Not long ago I read an article which stated **we needed to attend the Sunday morning service**; but if we did not attend Sunday evening and Wednesday evening it would not cause us to be lost. At the conclusion of the article he asked the question, "What would happen if the Lord came during Sunday evening service and you were not there?" In this article he first stated it would not be harmful not to attend and then he wondered what would happen if the Lord came during the evening service and you were not there! I believe the brother changed positions in the middle of the article. Brethren, we do not need teaching like this! **We need to know the truth and stand for truth!**

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