

Three Important Considerations in Church Attendance

Heb. 10:24-25

Introduction:

- A. Non-attendance is an old problem (“as the manner of some is”).
 - 1. Least pain or pleasure hinders — not from other things.
 - 2. Least complaint or excuse hinders — not applied to other things.
- B. There are three important considerations connected with our attendance.

Discussion:

I. We Should Attend out of Consideration for God.

- A. He commands it. (Heb. 10:25).
- B. He is there in a special way. (Matt. 18:20).
- C. He is worshiped at all assemblies.
 - 1. Sundays.
 - a. Observe *His* supper. (Acts 20:7).
 - b. Give to please *Him* (1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 9:7).
 - 2. Sundays, mid-week, special services.
 - a. Sing to *Him*. (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16).
 - b. Pray to *Him*. (Acts 12:5).
 - c. Worship by reading *His* word - preaching *His* gospel.
 - 3. If love singing, praying and the word on Sunday — why not other times?

II. We Should Attend out of Consideration for One Another.

- A. Consider and exhort “one another.” (Text).
- B. Sing to “one another.” (Col. 3:16).
- C. Edify one another. (1 Cor. 14:17)
- D. Need one another. (1 Cor. 12:21).
 - 1. Else could do every act of worship alone.
 - 2. Else would be no need for local churches.

III. We Should Attend out of Consideration for Ourselves.

- A. Assembling can contribute to our spiritual health.
 - 1. Must grow stronger and not weaker. (1 Pet. 2:2; Rom 14:21).
 - 2. Is one stronger or weaker from attending all services?
 - 3. Exercises our will to put Lord before distractions.
- B. Assembling can provide support in time of need.
 - 1. Need comfort (cf. 1 Thess. 4:18).
 - 2. Need guidance.
- C. Assembling can keep from being overcome by sin.
 - 1. Thus, suffering God’s vengeance (vv. 26-31)
 - 2. Thus, losing what we put into the Christian life (vv. 32-39).

Conclusion:

- A. All agree that certain circumstances may make it impossible or unwise to assemble.
- B. However, no circumstance should keep one from wanting to assemble.
- C. Can anyone honestly say that he is better off spiritually for not attending?