

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Hebrews 10:25



“Episunagoge,” Greek, for “assembling,” means a gathering together in one place. The assembly of believers was called, “Ekklesia,” translated “church,” or “assembly.” It is actually a combination of two words. “ek,” which denotes direction such as “out” or “to,” and the word, “kaleo,” which means to “call out by name,” or “invite.” So the word “church” means an “invited gathering,” which by implication designates a “place” to go. You can’t have “church” alone. Even our Lord said, *“Where two or three are gathered together...”* There has to be more than one to have an assembly. God does not “assemble.” He is already everywhere. When we gather, we come together to worship the Lord who is “already there.” You can worship alone, but you cannot “assemble” alone. The purpose of the assembly is to have fellowship and to exhort and encourage one another. Individuals are more vulnerable to attack by Satan if they forsake the fellowship of believers. The more fellowship, the more I’m encouraged. To forsake means to leave and never return. You may have to work on a week day. This does not mean you have forsaken the assembly. Even God worked for six days. We are commanded to give God one day in seven and to keep it Holy unto Him. We are to rest every seventh day. It is a proven medical fact that you are more productive the other six days if you rest the seventh. It is the origin of “the day off.” God started it, not man. The Day of Rest is the “Sabbath.” The Holy Day, a day set apart to God, by God, for God, and given to prayer, meditation, and fasting if needed. It is a day to remind ourselves of God’s blessings and beneficence in our lives. Prayer is our pipeline to spiritual reality. Those who don’t believe God is real will never see Him work. Believe and ask in faith for your needs and you will witness miracles reserved only for the faithful. The only thing the wicked ever see is God’s Wrath.

The wicked man will never see,
God’s blessings for eternity,
Through faith alone can any know,
The providence of God below. ~CGP

The Day of the Lord is fast approaching. We need each other now, more than ever!

"Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men." 1 Thessalonians 5:14