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*"The voice of one crying in the wilderness..." (Matthew 3:3)*

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## Attendance of Worship

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AM Worship 10:45 a.m.  
PM Worship 6:00 p.m.

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Worship is a privilege only children of God have. There are many blessings we receive from faithful attendance in worship. God has commanded us to assemble regularly to worship Him in spirit and in truth. Hebrews 10:25-27 says, *"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the day approaching. For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation."* When we forsake the assembly of the church, except for sickness or circumstances beyond our control, we are not only disobeying God, but we are robbing ourselves of all the benefits of worship which would have helped us to grow and become spiritually strong.

By forsaking the assembly, we also endanger our souls because as the above verse says *"For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for our sins."* It is bad enough for anyone to be lost, but to see one of God's children fall away is a disaster. It is heartbreaking because Christ is our only sacrifice for sin. When people reject their only sacrifice for sin there remains nothing but *"a certain fearful expectation of judgment and fiery indignation."*

It will be a sad day for those who fall away because as we continue reading in Hebrews 10:29, *"Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?"* Then verse 31 concludes by saying, *"It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."* It will not only be fearful but horrible beyond description when those who were once *"sanctified"* children of God who have turned their back on the Lord find themselves in eternal punishment. The sad part will be they didn't have to be there, but they became careless and indifferent with their souls.

When people fall away from the Lord, it is usually not a sudden thing. They usually start by forsaking the assembly of Wednesday night Bible study. Then they start missing Sunday evening worship. Next they stop coming to Sunday morning Bible study; and then finally they stop coming to Sunday morning worship. This is the usual path of apostasy for most people who fall away. Oh, some may come back and "visit" several times a year and a few may even attend only the Sunday morning worship with little regularity. We are encouraged not to let this happen in Galatians 6:9, *"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not loose heart."*

Some people may ask, do I have to attend Sunday night and Wednesday night services? If we really love God and Christ we will never ask such questions. We should look forward with joy for the opportunity to worship God. When we worship God in spirit and in truth we can know the Lord will be there with us. Jesus says in Matthew 18:20, *"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."* Do we want to miss being with the greatest guest of all, our Lord? We should look forward to attending and worshipping God, otherwise how will we be able to enjoy worshipping God in heaven?

Going to heaven must be the number one priority in our life. Jesus says in Matthew 6:33, *"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."* I want to *"seek first the kingdom of God"* by not allowing anything to hinder me from meeting with the saints and the Lord, don't you? Please don't put your soul in jeopardy of being rejected. It just isn't worth it. This life is so short in comparison to eternity. We are told in James 4:14, *"For what is your life? It is even as a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away."* We have got to get it right the first time. There will not be a second chance! We must look forward to every opportunity we have of worshipping God *"in spirit and in truth."*

## *Questions Concerning Worship*

1) (Hebrews 10:25-27) Concerning our assembling for worship of the church

- We can assemble when we don't have anything else better to do.
- We are not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together.
- We do not have to assemble at all.

2) When we fail to assemble for worship we are disobeying God.  True  False

3) (Hebrews 10:25-27) If we sin willfully and don't repent

- There no longer remains a sacrifice for our sins.
- God will overlook it.
- God can't do anything about it.

4) Eternity in Hell will not be all that bad for those who fall away.  True  False

5) (Galatians 6:9) If we do not grow weary in doing good

- God will never recognize it.
- We shall reap in due season if we do not loose heart.
- It will do us no good.

6) (Matthew 6:33) What should be our first priority in this life?

- Making a lot of money.
- Having a good time.
- Going to heaven.

7) Our first priority in this life should be to be popular.

- True  False

8) (Luke 14:16-20, 24) In this parable, those who rejected the invitation to the supper

- Were not allowed to taste his supper.
- Were allowed to come anyway.
- Were invited to another supper at a later date.

9) It is serious to reject the Lord's invitation to His Supper and worship.  True  False

10) (James 4:14) Our life on earth in comparison to eternity

- Is very long.
- Is very, very short, like a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.
- Our life on earth will never end.

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