

*"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 KJV*



“Episunagoge,” Greek, for “assembling,” means, “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 “invited gathering,” which by implication designates a “place.” You can’t have “church” alone, because even our Lord said, *“Where TWO OR THREE are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst.”* An “assembly” is more than one. God does not “assemble;” He is the “Assembler.” He is already everywhere. When we gather, we “assemble” to fellowship and worship Him who is “already there.” You can worship alone, but you cannot assemble or fellowship alone. The purpose of the assembly is to worship God, to exhort, and encourage one another. Alone, we are more vulnerable to Satan’s attacks. If we “forsake” the fellowship of believers, we are more prone to unbelief and disobedience. *“A threefold cord is not quickly broken.”* To forsake means to leave and never return. Fellowship with other believers about God is encouraging. You may have to work on Sunday, but this does not mean you have forsaken the assembly. Even God worked for six days. It is a proven medical fact 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 (commands) and beneficence (provision) in our lives. Prayer is our pipeline to spiritual reality. Those who don’t believe God is real will never see Him work. *“And when [Jesus] was come in, He saith unto them, ‘Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth.’ And they laughed him to scorn. But when He had put them all out...He took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, ‘Talitha cumi;’ which is, being interpreted, ‘Damsel, I say unto thee, arise.’ And straightway the damsel arose, and walked...And they were astonished with a great astonishment.”* Unbelievers may see the results of God working, but will conjure human reason to explain it; in other words, unbelief! Believe, obey, and ask God for your needs and you will see miracles! The only thing the wicked will ever actually 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

Satan loves to sow discord in the Assembly. He uses our disobedience to stir up emotions of bitterness and anger. If we are fighting each other we can’t be witnesses unto Christ. *“Looking diligently lest any man fail of the Grace of God (unbelief); lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.”* If I harbor bitterness or anger I don’t love the Word of God, because God’s Word says, *“Great peace have they which love Thy law and NOTHING SHALL OFFEND THEM.”* Seems fairly clear to me. The “Day of the Lord” is fast approaching. Believers 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 KJV*