

## **Our Assembling Together (Attendance)**

SR Heb.10:25

**Intro.** It is evident that Christians in the 1<sup>st</sup> century assembled together for worship & fellowship, but as time went by some began to “make it a habit” not to attend regularly. What should be our attitude today towards regular assembly and how often should we attend?

### 1. The O.T. & Israelites.

The Sabbath was to be observed EVERY week and NO work done. Sacrifices were offered; i.e. acts of worship. Ex.20:8-11, Num.28:9-10

### 2. Christian Assemblies.

We have the LORD’S day - Rev.1:10

We have the LORD’S super - 1Co.11:20

Met on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week - Act.20:7 & 11

Met DAILY in the temple - Act.2:46

***All these times of assembly allow us to reflect, meditate, praise & revere our God as a group of people joined by Christ!***

Note : We are the temple of the Holy Spirit - 1Co.6:19

We are “priests” of the Lord - Rev.5:10, 1Co.8:13

### 3. How Often Should We Attend?

Heb.10:25 “Not forsaking our assembling together” - Stop doing that! Deliberately not attending the known meetings of the body. By this command we infer the opposite is required; i.e. regular attendance as often as possible.

## **Conclusion**

I believe the Lord wants us to attend as often as possible and to make the Lord’s Day the most important day of the week (priority). We should then arrange our lives around it and every other time provided so that the maximum benefit can be obtained for us all. I also believe that we should want to attend without any force or coercion. Finally, there are 168 hours in a week and only 8 needed for attendance, yet in heaven we will be with God eternally and ALL the time! Therefore, if you deliberately don’t want to be with Him now, where will you be later?

In Christian Love