

DA62. Not Neglecting to Assemble with the Brethren.

We are not to neglect to assemble with the brethren.

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us keep paying attention to one another, in order to spur each other on to love and good deeds, not neglecting our own congregational meetings, as some have made a practice of doing, but, rather, encouraging each other. And let us do this all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 18:20

Acts 1:12-14, 2:1, 2:46, 4:31, 5:12, 5:42, 12:12, 14:27, 15:6, 30, 17:10-11, 20:7

1 Corinthians 5:4, 14:26

Colossians 4:15

2 Thessalonians 2:1

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Leviticus 23:1-4

ADONAI said to Moshe, "Tell the people of Isra'el: 'The designated times of ADONAI which you are to proclaim as holy convocations are my designated times. Work is to be done on six days; but the seventh day is a Shabbat of complete rest, a holy convocation; you are not to do any kind of work; it is a Shabbat for ADONAI, even in your homes. These are the designated times of ADONAI, the holy convocations you are to proclaim at their designated times.'"

Other Holy Convocations:

Leviticus 23:7-8, 21, 24, 27, 35-36

Numbers 28:18, 25-26, 29:1, 7, 12

Comment

We are able to study Scripture and pray alone, but Scripture is emphatic that we assemble with the brethren. It does not say how, when, or how long, but clearly not never. The reason is that we have been created to be in relationship to each other, and our relationship to God is not only person to person, but also corporate. Matthew 18:19-20 explains it this way: "To repeat, I tell

you that if two of you here on earth agree about anything people ask, it will be for them from my Father in heaven. For wherever two or three are assembled in my name, I am there with them."

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