

21 Days of Prayer

Day 11:

Scripture:

“...let us not neglect meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, now that the day of His return is near.” Hebrews 10:25 NLT

Devotional:

The writer of Hebrews (likely Paul) connects two Biblical doctrines. He references the return of Jesus and “gathering together”. The word “gathering” is sometimes translated, meeting, assembling, meeting for worship. Plainly, Paul is talking about the Church and the Second Coming of Jesus. In the last days before Christ returns Believers will avoid going to Church. In this century we see this. The absence of non-believers doesn’t mean much. The absence in church of those who claim Jesus as Savior is different. Today believers adopt attitudes like “I don’t need to go to church I can worship anywhere.” or “I’ll worship God my own way.” The most telling is the churchgoer who “church hops”. That is the believer who visits churches like a buffet; not staying to regularly assemble together or be committed to a church. What’s the difference? Assembling regularly with the same group, you get to know, you grow, participate, serve and are ministered to by others. Not so in making the rounds of churches and “not assembling/worshipping” with a consistent group.

Prayer:

Lord I am having difficulty settling into church. I want to commit, but I haven’t yet. Please lead me, and open my heart to regular attendance so I can grow, serve, and be ministered to as part of a family. Amen