"Gathering Together" Hebrews 10:19-25 8/23/15

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Knowing God... Loving God... Worshiping God

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Worship is a Verb

The Most Important Grammatical Point: The Direct Object

The Real Worship War!

Whom/What Do You Worship?

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Corporate Worship

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable worship. (Rom. 12:1)

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Early Christian (NT) Gatherings

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3 Main Things Happened

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1. People Addressed God

"They lifted their voice to God with one accord and said, 'O Lord it is You who made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that is in them." (Acts 4:24)

Praise, Thanks, Prayers, Confessions and Songs

In Unity: "with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs" (Col. 3:16)

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2. God Ministers to People

God Speaks

Through Preaching and Teaching

Early Christian Gatherings Modeled More on Synagogue than Temple

"One who preaches speaks to people for edification and exhortation and consolation." (1 Cor. 14:3)

To build up, challenge and comfort

People Listen ...an Act of Worship

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3. People Minister to People

"Therefore encourage one another, and build up one another." (1 Thess. 5:11)

Relationship Building in Love

Giving and Receiving Ministry

Exercise Spiritual Gifts

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"Let all things be done for edification." (1 Cor. 14:26)

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"They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." (Acts 2:42)

The 3 Main Happenings in New Testament Worship Services/Gatherings:

The People Addressed God

God Ministers to the People

The People Minister to Each Other

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"Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging each other; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near." (Heb. 10:24-25)

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You Need To Be In Worship Every Sunday!

- 1. You need to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with the People of God
- 2. You need to hear the Lord speak to you and be taught and equipped.
- 3. You need the ministry of the people of God in your life.
- 4. You need to minister to the people of God as you gather together with them.
- 5. You need to be a good example to the people of God and the people of the world.

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God Does Special Things Among His People When They Gather Together As He Has Ordained!