



# ***SOUTHSIDE SEARCHER***

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"They...searched the scriptures daily..." –Acts 17:11

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## **WHAT MARRIAGE DOES**

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Marriage is a God-given institution. It is one of God's greatest gifts to mankind. Though it has been belittled, first by the Catholic church, who claim that celibacy is more virtuous than marriage, then by those who marry and divorce for unscriptural reasons, then by those who equate homosexual "Marriage" to biblical marriage; Nevertheless, God-given marriage does great things for man.

**Marriage Was Presented to Man.** Marriage was not man's idea. It was/is a gift from God, the Father of lights (James 1:17). God declared that it was not good for man to be alone, so He formed from Adam's rib a woman, who's named was called Eve (Genesis 2:18-24). The text also describes how God presented to Adam the woman He had created. Those who pervert and belittle the institution of marriage are guilty of perverting that which God has presented unto man.

**Marriage Propagates Man.** Advocates for Homosexual (Same-sex) marriages argue that it is "Natural." But if it is natural, consider the possibility that everyone chose to be "Natural" and married someone of the same sex? What would become of mankind? Humanity would cease to exist on this earth. Basic science will teach you that a woman cannot conceive a child with another woman, nor can a man conceive a child with a man. God commanded Adam and Eve to "be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth..." (Genesis 1:28). God's way, marriage between a woman, propagates the human race; man's way, same-sex marriage, would end the human race.

**Marriage Protects Man.** There are many ways that marriage God's way protects man-mind: emotionally, physically, and spiritually. Sexual behavior outside of marriage leads to countless physical and emotional disturbances. But if one follows God's plan, he will marry a woman, he will remain married to her, he will remain faithful to her, and he will protect himself from disease and other problems associated with fornication and adultery. Paul said, "Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband" (1 Corinthians 7:2). Oh the social woes that would vanish if these simple words were heeded! But more importantly, the spiritual problems that would be prevented! Let us discard the destructive man-made wisdom that promotes sex before marriage, and same sex marriage, and let's honor God's way! 🙏

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**BLESSED**  
*is the*  
Psalm 40:4  
man  
who makes *the*  
**LORD**  
*his trust.*

Welcome to our services and thank you for visiting. If you have any questions about our beliefs or practices, please don't hesitate to ask.

God has not only commanded us to worship Him, but has also told us how, in His word. **The elements of our services, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:**

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



- [www.defendthegospel.com](http://www.defendthegospel.com)
- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Men's Training Class, 4:30 pm. Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday evenings following services.

### **COME WORSHIP WITH US!**

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00**  
**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00**  
**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00**  
**WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00**

# SOME QUESTIONS REGARDING HEBREWS 10:25

Guthrie Dean

## I. WHY SHOULD WE ASSEMBLE?

ANSWER: Hebrews 10:24 says that we are to provoke one another unto love and good works. Verse 25 shows that this is done by assembling together and by exhorting one another, These are some reasons for assembling.

## II. WHAT HAPPENS IF I PURPOSELY STAY AWAY FROM THE SERVICES?

ANSWER: You are sinning wilfully. Verse 25 tells us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, and verse 26 continues: "For if we sin willfully..." The word for which introduces verse 26 is from a Greek term gar and means "because" or "the reason is." So we are not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, for (because, the reason is) if we sin wilfully..., there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.

## III. DOES HEBREWS 10:25 REFER TO THE WHOLE CHURCH QUITTING OR CAN THE STATEMENT ALSO REFER TO EACH INDIVIDUAL CHRISTIAN?

ANSWER: The text is speaking of individuals forsaking the assembly. Some contend that the word "ourselves" in the verse means that it is the WHOLE church that either does or doesn't forsake. But "ourselves" (Greek—heautou) refers to individual members, just as the same word does in Romans 15:1 and 2 Cor. 7:1. If Hebrews 10:25 applies only to a whole congregation forsaking, who are the "some" in the verse that ARE forsaking? Certainly not SOME other congregations. We have no record either in the Bible or outside the Bible of churches falling away that early in the first century. Some members had forsaken, and the writer says: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is." A careful study of the various translations of Heb. 10:25 will also make this point clear.

## IV. DOESN'T FORSAKE MEAN TO PERMANENTLY ABANDON, ACCORDING TO THE GREEK DEFINITION?

ANSWER: No. The matter of time, whether permanent or temporary, is not inherent in the word itself. Forsake (Greek—egkatalepo) is not only used here in Hebrews 10:25, but was also used by Jesus in Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34. Read those verses carefully. Surely you do not believe that God permanently abandoned His Son on that occasion. One can become guilty of forsaking the services without permanently abandoning or completely quitting. The motive and intent of the heart has much to do with whether or not one is forsaking the assembling with the saints. -

# Each One Teach One

## SERMON NOTES

*Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.*

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDY  
DAILY!  
Acts  
17:11**

### DUTY LIST...

#### SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Eli Todd  
Reading: Matthew 8:14-22
- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Opening Prayer.....Sam Miller
- Lord's Table:
  - Lead.....Kenny Todd
  - Serve.....John Nelson
  - Serve.....Frank Anderson
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Johnson

#### SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Lord's Table.....Kenny Todd

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Invitation.....Michael Pickford

## Thank You For Serving!

### GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

***Obey Today!***

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