

## Sunday Morning Starter:

### The Beginning of Proclamation

"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them, 'Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, this Man, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.'

But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power. Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.

Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus who you crucified." (Acts 1:1, 14, 22-24, 33, 36)

SF: Let's all resolve to always "be together" at every meeting of the Lord's people.

#### Notes and reminders:

Let us be praying for our Bible study classes and all efforts to learn more of God's word.

Also, continue prayers for those on our list, for those in authority, and for the free course of the gospel and obedient hearers.

*"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."*  
*1 John 5:14*

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## Meeting times of the church

Sunday:

9:00 am Bible classes

10:00 am Morning Worship

5:00 pm Evening Worship

Wednesday: 7:00 pm Bible classes

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Hebrew 10:23—25 "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as is the manner of some." But, exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."

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# Glad Tidings

Romans 10:15

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## "I Just Got Out of the Habit"

"...it has been said that  
a bad habit is like a  
warm bed on a cold day:  
it's easy to get into and  
hard to get out of!"

From "How to Harness Your Habits"  
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A habit is "a thing done often and hence, usually done easily...a tendency to perform a certain action or behave in a certain way; usual way of doing; as, he does it out of habit" (Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, p. 815). Folks sometimes speak of "going to church" as a good habit. And, when asked by others about their negligence, they respond: "I guess I just got out of the habit." Assembling together as God directs is surely good and it should be

done easily. I can understand how habitual assembling with the saints becomes a regular course of one's life and, for those who do so regularly, it becomes a matter of ease and routine. However, it should not be done "out of habit."

When assembly time approaches, there should never be a question in the minds of the members about whether or not they should be there. It should be a foregone conclusion and commitment in every one's mind that every Christian should be at every assembly in order to worship God. It never enters their mind to do otherwise. That can be classified as "habit," in the accepted definition but it is not done "out of habit."

Nothing should be more important to us than worshiping God (Matthew 4:10; Hebrews 10:25). The desire to worship makes it easy to prepare for assembling, because that is what we plan to do. I do not understand why some folks have a hard time arranging their affairs in order to assemble with fellow Christians. Neither do I understand why some never get to Bible classes or assembly for worship on time. After all, they are always present and on time for the movies or recreational activities they plan. It may be that they conceive of worship as a good

habit, but like eating liver and spinach, is not very enjoyable.

True worship springs from faith and love -- not ease.

By Jim R. Everett

Editor's Note: I recall fondly a familiar long time preacher here that loved to remind us of the expression or proverb when speaking on Hebrews 10:25, that "*the path of neglect leads to the road of forsake.*" May we ever be mindful of this pitfall in our faithfulness to the Lord's assembly as we consider the effects our actions have on our brethren.  
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## **"The Lord Will Have His Way"**

Nahum 1:1-10

It's a terrible mistake to think the Lord God will not vindicate Himself. His character demands it. If God were to tolerate evil and not punish it, He would be only slightly different than His creatures. Paul said, "Behold the goodness and the severity of God" (Rom. 11:22). For God to be good, He must also be severe.

Nahum warns us about this side of God's nature. He is "slow to anger," he says, but just as He has His way with nature, He will have His way when He metes out His indignation against ungodliness at the end of things. He is a "good

stronghold in the day of trouble," but He will "with an overrunning flood" devastate His enemies when all is said and done.

Make no mistake about it, there will be a time of judgment, a time when He who was the Savior will come as the Judge. And there will be no excuses then, no "reasons" for evil, no "reasons" for excesses, no "reasons" for disobedience of any kind.

"God is jealous" (vs. 2) says that He will not tolerate competition. You either serve with your whole being or you don't serve at all; there is no middle ground.

Even though it's hard to do, take a little time today to consider the severity of God. Think for a few minutes about His judgment and how it will be with you when that time comes. Such thinking may make you a better, more dedicated person.

Dee Bowman

