

Reasons To Attend All Worship Services

Intro: There are many today, not only in this congregation but in all congregations, that will come to services on Sunday morning, but will not darken the doors any other time. This lesson is designed to make you realize the importance of attending all the services of the Lord's church.

Yet, in studying this the question to answer is not, "Why should I attend Sunday night and Wednesday night?" but, "Why do I attend any of the services?" When we find out why we should attend any of the services we also find out why we should attend all the services.

I. IMPROPER REASONS FOR ATTENDING.

A. Out of a sense of duty.

1. We should feel a sense of duty.
2. Yet, this should not be the only or the major factor we attend.

B. Out of fear.

1. We are to fear God.
2. Yet, this alone is not proper motivation.

C. To get credit.

1. As one would get brownie points.
2. To try to earn our way to heaven.

D. For self.

1. To try to get ahead (financially, socially etc.)
2. To make one feel better

E. Because my parents did.

F. Just something I have always done.

II. PROPER REASONS FOR ATTENDING.

A. Because it is commanded.

1. Acts 2:42 "And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."
2. Acts 20:7 "And upon the first *day* of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight."
3. 1 Cor. 11-16 (11:20 "When ye come together therefore into one place, *this* is not to eat the Lord's supper.")

B. To enjoy fellowship, communion.

1. 1 John 1:3-7 "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. ⁵ This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."
2. With God; 1 Cor. 10:20 "But I *say*, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils."

3. With brethren; Acts 2:42 “And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.”

C. Edification

1. Of self

- a. Eph. 4:12-16 “For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: ¹³ Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: ¹⁴ That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ: ¹⁶ From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.”
- b. Col. 2:19 “And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.”

2. Of others

- a. Heb. 10:24 “And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:”
- b. Our example to them.

D. Give glory and praise to God.

1. Worship is this (means to kiss toward, thus to do reverence or to make obeisance. It is an act of homage or reverence to God).
2. Psa. 22:22 “I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.”
3. Psa. 29:2 “Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.”

E. Learn more about God.

1. 1 Pet. 2:2 “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:”
2. 2 Tim. 2:15 “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

F. Love of God.

1. We are to have a love for God.
 - a. Mat. 22:37 “Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.”
 - b. 1 John 4:19 “We love him, because he first loved us.”
2. This should be motive enough for anyone to attend all the services.
3. Give example of a boy and girl in love, the problem is to get them apart.

Conclusion: Psa. 122:1 “I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.” These are some reasons why we should attend worship services. If it is good for us to attend any then it is needful for us to attend all of them.