The Dangers Of Isolation

ECCLESIASTES 4:9-12

- 9. Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.
- 10. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but <u>woe to him that is alone when he</u> falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. 11. Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? 12. And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

THE WAY TO HAVE FELLOWSHIP [55-1009]

...every person desires fellowship. <u>I've never seen anyone yet who did not desire</u> <u>fellowship. That</u> is was--<u>is all right, mentally balanced</u>.

LEVITICUS 26:8

8. And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.

THE PATMOS VISION [60-1204E]

I've studied it as from the historical standpoint, but wait till I get in the pulpit here for the inspiration. Because I feel that we are setting together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, and that your Spirit, <u>your part, the lick of Fire (the Holy Spirit) that's on You comes to another, and another to another, It kindles the great Body of God and sets It aflame...</u>

HEAR YE HIM [57-0317]

Oh, brother, when you isolate yourself from the rest of the believers, God will move away.

I KINGS 19:13-14

- 13. And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, *What doest thou here, Elijah*?
- 14. And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and **I**, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

I KINGS 19:18a

18a. Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal,

HEAR YE HIM [57-0519A]

...you'll never isolate yourself and get anything from God...

HEBREWS 10:24-25

- 24. And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:
- 25. <u>Not forsaking the [assembling] of ourselves [together]</u>, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

GREEK LEXICON - STRONG'S NUMBER 1997 episunagoge {ep-ee-soon-ag-o-gay'} 1a) a gathering together in one place / 1b) the religious assembly of Christians

ACTS 2:1

1. And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Matthew Henry's Commentary:

"Even in those times there were some who forsook these assemblies. The communion of saints is a great help and privilege, and a good means of steadiness and perseverance."

Post Nicene Fathers - Vol. 14 (page 455)

(Ver. 25) What is, "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together"? He knew that <u>much</u> <u>strength arises from being together and assembling together</u>. "For where two or three" (it is said) "are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt. xviii. 20); and again, "That they may be One, as we" also are (John xvii. 11); and, "They had all one heart and [one] soul." (Acts iv. 32.) And not this only, but also because <u>love is increased by the gathering [of ourselves] together; and love being increased, of necessity the things of God must follow also.</u>

A Commentary Critical And Explanatory On The Whole Bible

The assembling or gathering of ourselves for Christian communion in private and public, is an earnest of our being gathered together to Him at His appearing. Union is strength; continual assemblings together beget and foster love, and give good opportunities for "provoking to good works," by "exhorting one another" (Hebrews 3:13). IGNATIUS says, "When ye frequently, and in numbers meet together, the powers of Satan are overthrown, and his mischief is neutralized by your likemindedness in the faith." To neglect such assemblings together might end in [apostasy] at last.

apostasy

"an act of refusing to continue to follow, obey, or recognize a religious faith"

~ merriam-webster.com

PSALM 103:2 *Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits*:

THE END TIME [54-0307A] Don't try to go to church one day and get enough religion to last you till next year. It won't last.

HEAR YE HIM [57-0322]

If there ever was a time that we ought to be assembling ourselves together, the Bible said, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, and that much the more when we see the end time approaching." Oh, there should be every hall and every arena throughout the United States and world rented by ministers, and preaching the Gospel, and warning the people of the things to come.

THE POSITION OF A BELIEVER IN CHRIST [55-0227A] And your heart and mind becomes singular on Christ Jesus. That shows you have died to yourself and borned again. Then just as sure as church time comes, you just can't keep from coming to church. See? You just going to go if you have to hobble. That's all. You're going to church, because the Spirit Itself bears record of gathering together in Christ Jesus.

II SAMUEL 10:9-11

- 9. When Joab saw that the front of the battle was against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice men of Israel, and put them in array against the Syrians:
- 10. And the rest of the people he delivered into the hand of Abishai his brother, that he might put them in array against the children of Ammon.
- 11. And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me: but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will come and help thee.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS PT1 [64-0823M]

You say, "Well, I'm not a legalist." Well, <u>you'd better be in that manner for a while</u>, dishonoring the resurrection of Christ. You go to church somewhere.

HEAR YE HIM [56-0930] God wants you to go to church, and He wants to manifest something to you through His Word, through some move that He's making. You fail to go, you'll miss seeing something.

THE FEAST OF THE TRUMPETS [64-0719M]

...we assemble together to fellowship around the Word. But there will come a time, soon, when this will be just a fond memory. That is right. These times will be taken away from us, so therefore we must do all that we know how to do, to make this, every minute, count.