

## The Benefits Of A Gospel Meeting

The week of a gospel meeting is a good time for us to contemplate our attendance. Even for us who attend church services very regularly, we sometimes find our enthusiasm for worshipping the Lord waning and because of that fact, we find our desire to attend services dropping off a bit. Psalm 122:1 says, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

It may be that during this week you will find a lot of excuses for not attending the evening services. A sure sign of a problem is when church services at the gospel meeting become the last priority in a long list of daily activities. There are a couple of benefits a gospel meeting can provide that would serve you well to consider today.

First, a gospel meeting can encourage us. An evangelist who preaches in a gospel meeting can provide good and edifying lessons that will foster spiritual thought and hopefully obedience within a Christian's heart and life. There's not one child of God who does not need a bit of motivating every once in a while. Hebrews 10:24-25 says, "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." One of the purposes of our worship is the stimulation to continue "fighting the good fight of faith" (cp. 2 Timothy 4:7). When you absent yourself from these services, you miss that much-needed encouragement.

Second, a gospel meeting can convict us. It may be that instead of encouragement, we need a good, to-the-point lesson that pulls no punches about a specific sin of which you cannot seem to repent. "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (2 Timothy 4:1-2). Lots of hearts have been pricked and many lives have been changed by the bold proclamation of a gospel sermon that sets you quivering in your seat when you behold the justice and righteousness of God.

Whatever your need might be, it will be served by a good gospel meeting. But you must make the effort to be here and partake of the spiritual food being offered. You will never regret the time invested in worshipping and growing closer to the Lord.

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