

Foy Wallace, Jr. on Hebrews 10:25

Hebrews 10:25: "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Now there are two days mentioned in this passage: The exhortation not to forsake the assembly refers to the first day of the week assembly. It stands for the new covenant. Jesus Christ arose from the dead on the first day of the week; the day of Pentecost was the first day of the week; the Holy Spirit began the work of conviction and conversion through the preaching of the gospel on the first day of the week; the law of pardon was announced unto all men for all time on the first day of the week; the church was established on the first day of the week; the disciples came together on the first day of the week to break bread, as recorded in Acts 20:7; and here in **Hebrews 10:25 the apostle warned them against abandoning it. The word forsake here means to abandon**, and connects Paul's admonition with this danger of a mass apostasy under the threat of Nero's persecution on one hand and the pressures of the Judaizers on the other hand. Some had abandoned the first day of the week assembly. When Jesus set up the Lord's supper, he said: "This is the new covenant in my blood*" Therefore, the assembly on the first day of the week and the observance of the Lord's supper become the very essence of the new covenant, and stand for it, a symbol of it. To abandon the first day of the week assembly would be to repudiate the new covenant. **The neglect of a duty is wrong, but this passage is not dealing with the sin of neglect—the word forsake does not mean neglect; it is not the same word; the word forsake means to abandon. One has not forsaken anything until he has renounced it, until he has abandoned it.** A man may neglect his family without forsaking them. (Emphasis Supplied) (Gospel Sermons pg. 134)