

# assemble

Jer. 4:15

It is wonderful what things have been accomplished by assembling of the people.

- a. when you want a certain piece of legislation put over you have a mass meeting.
- b. when you want to launch a Campaign to elect a friend to office you call a mass meeting.
- c. when the church has to fight being carried into captivity or wants to take the place of evil God day through Jeremiah "Blow the trumpet in the land, cry, gather together and say 'assemble yourselves together'."

Isa. 45:20: "Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together ye that are escaped of the nations; they have no knowledge that carry the wood of their graven image and pray unto a god that cannot save."

Joel 2:15-16 "Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the people, sanctify the assembly, assemble the old men (and women) gather the children, and those that suck, let the bridegroom go forth from his chamber and the bride from her closet, let the ministers weep between the porch and the altar saying 'spare thy people'."

Neh. 10:25: "For sake not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is."

The scripture of the text i.e. in which the text is found was spoken before the Babylonish Captivity. They were promised that if they would return unto the Lord and put away their abominations He would not suffer them to be moved into captivity.

Certain things were to be done to save them from captivity:

to bind yourself by any false god  
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2. Bind yourself to me and thereby demonstrate that the Lord liveth in:

- a. Truth - let your life be one of real truth, Be like Christ who is the Truth.
- b. Judgement - judge your conduct and your fellow man through the mirror of God.
- c. Righteousness - be so upright that the nations will know your God is the supreme deity.

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3. Break up your fallow ground - Fallow means ground once tilled and lying long uncultivated or ground lightly plowed waiting to be plowed again before planting.

A farmer is a little slow to take in new ground when there are large acres cleared and cultivated that are not yielding fruit.

We have such hearts in this congregation. People are not able to pay to the church when they do not receive a single thing per year. If you receive a dime one penny ought to go to the Lord and the 9 left will do you as much good as the 10 or else there is no God for He has promised a blessing if you give your tithes (Ch. like a wheel)

This fallow ground should be broken up and produce much fruit as

a. Church attendance some one was heard to say "I do not have to attend church to be religious - but if you are Rel. you will attend. you never see the children of that person at church."

Some people were told during the week by the pastor that they were missed at church each call last Sunday - as they have been missed for the 104 Sundays since I have been in W.V.

... gave me to understand that they were not coming.

6. Paying to the church, now if Jesus had not preached about money more than any thing else I should not emphasize it but we need to give for our own good.

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I have looked over the Treas.'s book and there are names of people on that book who by my own knowledge will make 18 cts per day, take trips, and get during my pastorate here, have not paid one cent to the budget. Others who have made good money for years not paying one cent (Some fellow is going say "The preacher is trying to offset a reduction of his salary next year) but you will not believe that for I was the fellow who suggested it.

Please do not get away from my scripture for here is what that Bible lesson leads me to. A certain % of the membership has been paying to the budget now with a shortage last Monday night of \$2500 we can see in sight in our money about \$1100.

Now the fellow ground that part of the membership that has made maybe some payment, or none yet able to do a little some a good deal and others lots makes us face a shortage of \$1400. A church this size should be ashamed of not paying out until every person who is able at all has done something.

Why there are a lot of our members who do not even come up to the old lady who said "a Camp meeting" I thank you for a free salvation for for the best 40 yrs.

and this camp meeting at  
it has only cost me a quarter"

I will venture to say that some of the  
members of this church have said since  
I sent out those cards for you to sign for  
next year ~~that~~ "I won't sign anything  
and yet if the bank will let them they  
will sign a note B.H. 1st of march for crop  
or business."

3. Circumcise yourselves to the Lord - meaning  
put away everything that will grieve the Spirit  
or render your life fruitless.

4. Blow the trumpet - give information to the  
whole land that they may assemble and or-  
ganize to defend against their enemies.

But more that they may go into the de-  
fenced cities, to day such as:

- a. Dirty literature at news stands.
- b. Organizations that would try to bring  
whiskey, beer, or light wine, back
- c. Vulgar minds and mouths of the streets
- d. Indifference to the church.

If you do not like this sermon tell me  
If you do like it tell others

