

"In the first day shall be An Holy Convocation; ye shall do no manner of servile work therein:" *Numbers 28:18 KJV*

The Hebrew word, "miqrâ'," (*mik-raw'*) translated convocation, means, something called out; that is, a public meeting or assembly. Israel was to celebrate their Deliverance from the bondage of Egypt, The Passover, once at the beginning of each year for seven days. On the first and last day of the week they were to have a "*Holy Convocation*," that is, an Assembly called to God. As they stood In view of the Cloud shrouded Tabernacle of God's Presence, they offered a burnt sacrifice. They remembered, not only their Deliverance past, but their continued Protection by their Ever-Present Deliverer. Essentially it was a memorial fellowship. Servile work was to be put aside. To put it in perspective, we celebrate Memorial Day and Veteran's Day to remember those who fell securing the freedoms we so often take for granted. Once a year we "convocate" to remember our fallen comrades. Just as Israel Was Commanded to remember, believers Are Commanded to "*as oft as ye do it*," remember the Lord's Death "*Til He Come*" by celebrating the Lord's Table; the broken bread and blood of the crushed grape. More than that, each Sunday, the Lord's people gather on the Lord's Day, the first day of the week, to fellowship around their Ever-Present Lord Who Came Out of the grave on the "*first day of the week*." Isn't it curious how we fall into the mindset of the world and think of Sunday as part of the "weekend" rather than the "first day" of the week? Many believers are so rooted in worldly thinking that they think of Monday as the "beginning" of their week. We celebrate the Resurrection and new beginnings every first day of the week. For believers, every Sunday should be a fellowship celebration of deliverance and remembrance of our Holy God! Each time believers Assemble should be an "*Holy Convocation*." How you begin a race often determines how you end it! Any one knows, if you're off by one degree at the beginning of a journey, you will never arrive at your intended destination. Mariners must constantly make course corrections, or risk losing their way. All it takes is one moment of relaxed vigilance to allow the enemy entrance! We often relax our guard in the Assembly, but that is where Satan has sown his tares among the wheat. You can only tell them by their lack of "*the Fruit of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, Temperance*." It's not overt sin that snares us! The subtlety of asking prayer for another's sin is gossip! Satan and his are masters of infiltration and counterfeit, "*by their fruits ye shall know them!*" Gossips or talebearers in the Assembly are not what they claim! Note God's opinion: "*Seven [things] are an abomination unto [God]: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and HE THAT SOWETH DISCORD among brethren.*" A talebearer is an "*abomination*" to God! How often have pastors been ruined by Satan's lying gossips behind their back? It is abominable to relay another's faults openly! There is no "*love*" in a gossip's heart!



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Remember what the Lord has done,
And may it cause us sin to shun,
Reflect upon His agony,
That you may live in ecstasy! –CGP

Each time you enter your "prayer closet," it is a "*Holy Convocation*" as you commune with your Saviour and hear His Voice. "*Pray without ceasing*" is an invitation to Rendezvous with God, Himself!

"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the Holiest by the Blood of Jesus, By a New And Living Way, Which He Hath Consecrated for us, through the Veil, that is to say, His Flesh; And having an High Priest Over The House Of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of Faith, having our hearts Sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies Washed with Pure Water." Hebrews 10:19-22 KJV

