Bereans Bible Institute Module VIII – The Christian Assembly Lesson 10 – The "Day of the Assembly"

I. "The Day of the Assembly" (ekklesia)

A. The 'Day of the ekklesia / Assembly' @ Sinai (Deut. 9:7-19; Deut. 10:1-5; Deut. 18:9-19)

1. The "ekklesia in the wilderness" (Acts 7:37-38; Heb. 12:18-21)

2. Angels attended (Deut. 33:2; &LXX; Acts 7:53; Gal. 3:19; Heb. 2:2)

3. Wilderness as a precursor to the Land Inheritance

B. The 'Day of the ekklesia / Assembly' @ Zion (Isa. 65:17-19; Isa. 66:6-16,23-24; Heb. 12:22-24)

1. We have 'approached' Mt Zion (vs. 22)

2. Angels attend (Matt. 25:31; Heb. 12:22 – tens of thousands – Deut. 33:2 LXX)

3. Jesus will lead the worship in the 'ekklesia' @ Mt. Zion (Ps. 22:22-25; Heb. 2:11-12)

C. The Local 'ekklesia' (assembly) as a precursor to the universal Assembly

1. Heb. 12:22-24 In the local 'ekklesia' (assembly), we 'have approached toward' (προσεληλύθατε) Heb 12:22 LGV

a. we have approached toward Mt. Zion, the City of God, Jerusalem of heavenly dominion

b. we have approached toward tens of thousands of angels

c. we have approached toward the universal 'ekklesia' (Assembly) and congregation of the firstborn ones having been preregistered in the heavens d. we have approached toward God the judge

e. we have approached toward the perfected 'breaths' of the just – resurrection

f. we have approached toward Jesus the mediator of the New Covenant

g. we have approached toward the blood of sprinkling

2. by approaching God's presence in the assembly via the holy Breath

3. The angels also are observing the assembly:

a. Eph. 3:1-2 The assembly was meant to be a demonstration to the angelic realm of proper humility & submission by free will

b. 1 Cor. 11:2-16 The woman's willing symbol of submission is a sign to the angels. Conversely, refusal to veil the head is a sign of something else.

c. The sin of the angels – pride, insubordination, audacity, not respecting their assigned rank (Jude 1:6 LGV) "And angels, those not having guarded their personal dominion, but having abandoned their own domain, He has placed under guard in enduring confinement under doom for judgment of the great Day."

D. Warning to us – God expects the same kind of purity from us as He did from the Israelites:

1. Heb. 12:25-29 (Heb. 3-4 parallel between wilderness & Kingdom)

2. 1 Cor. 10:1-22 Flee idolatry – God does not tolerate idolatry from us any more than He tolerated it from Israel.