

## Draw Near Increased Intimacy With God

Let us Draw Near to God with a Sincere Heart  
Hebrews 10:19-25 (22)

### Draw Near to God

- The words “draw near” come from a Greek phrase that literally means, “to approach, to come near, to go near to.” (Strong’s Concordance)
- Drawing near to God requires action. Closeness with Him will not happen by accident. It is an intentional pursuit that takes effort and sacrifice.
- God often encountered His people on the mountain. Being on the mountain top with God sounds romantically wonderful until you attempt to climb your first mountain. It hurts! It’s hard work and requires denial of comfort and ease.
- “The closer you get to God, the less you can take with you.” Without the miraculous work of God, it is impossible for the wealthy and comfortable to be in the presence of God. (Matthew 19:24 - camel through the eye of a needle)
- 2018 is the year of intentional pursuit! God has been whispering to my heart, “it’s time to get serious.” I know it won’t be easy, but it will be glorious!

## Enabled to Draw Near by God

- Let's read Hebrews 10:19-23 together please.
- We can draw near to God only because He drew near to us first.
- The blood of Jesus Christ is the only way to be forgiven, set free and drawn near to God.
- The only path to peace and intimacy with God is through Jesus' body - the torn veil. (Matthew 27:50-54)
- God wants you near to Him and He has provided a way for you. Are we attempting to draw near by any other way - religion, good works, human intellect, other Christians?
- Would you take a moment to search your heart and surrender to the truth that Jesus is still the only way to the Father? (John 14:6)

## A Sincere Heart

- The blood of our Savior, Jesus, made nearness to God available but not automatic. Salvation is an invitation to the fulfillment of our God-ordained purpose - great intimacy with Him!
- Now we have a choice. We can be "satisfied" with the things that can never fulfill us; or we can pursue and draw near to the only One who does.
- What does it mean to draw near to God with a sincere heart?
- A Genuine Heart - Luke 12:1-10. Hypocrisy decays our relationship with God, turns the world from God's love and leads to a life of compromise.

- A Faithful Heart - Revelation 2:1-7, 2 Corinthians 11:2-3. Jesus desires and deserves a pure, faithful and devoted bride when He returns - that's us!
- A Whole Heart - Matthew 22:37, Jeremiah 29:13-14. If we want to be truly close to God, we must surrender all of us to all of Him. What injured, calloused or rebellious part of your life are you withholding from God today?