

NEAR TO THE HEART OF GOD
(Jas.4:8)

Introduction:

1. Christians are to draw nigh to God, with the promise that he will draw nigh to them. Jas.4:8
2. This means to get "close to Him."
3. This has long been true. 1Chron.28:9

1. How Can One Draw Near To God.

1. Not in nature as many have supposed. God is the God of the valley just as he is God of the Hills. 'Kings 20:23-28.
- 2, He is not far from any one of us. Psa.139:8-10

2. The Way To Draw Near To God Is Let Him Draw US Near.

1. He does this thru His word. Jno.6:44-45
2. We need to study and learn. Jno.5:39
3. True even in the Old Testament. Deut. 4:5-8

3. The Way To Be Drawn Is To Have A True Heart.

1. Study and learn. Ro,10.17; Heb.10:22
2. Some study and learn without being drawn. Mt.2321
3. Cannot, without pure motives. Prov.4:23

4. Men Draw Near To God Thru Faith and Baptism. Heb.10:22

1. The way into Christ. Gal.3:26-27; Rom.6:3-4;
2. Christ is with God. Ac.2:33; Heb.10:12; 1Pet.3:22
3. In Christ, we find His blood. Rom.6:1-4
4. Made nigh by His blood. Eph.2:13,7

5. Once We Are Christians We Draw Nigh In Worship.

1. In Old Testament, Priests were nigh. Ex.19:22;
2. Christians are now priests. 1Pet.2:9
3. Even though another setting, same thing. Mt.18:20
4. More involved in worship than just fulfilling a command. We draw nigh to God.

6. We Draw Nigh To God In Prayer. Heb.4:16

7. We Draw Near To God When We Do Good And Hate Evil.

1. The very best life. 1Pet.3:10-13; Ac.17:27-28

8. When We Draw Nigh To God, He Will Draw Nigh To Us.

Jas.4:8; Isa.55:6-7