

DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

SCRIPTURE: HEBREWS 10:22 NIV

INTRODUCTION

TONIGHT WE ARE SHARING IN COMMUNION. TO SHARE IN THIS VERY SPECIAL TIME, THIS SCRIPTURE GIVES US SOME EXCELLENT COUNSEL. IT TELLS US TO DRAW NEAR TO GOD, AND HOW WE ARE TO DO IT.

I. WITH A SINCERE HEART

JOSHUA 24:14 KJV NOW THEREFORE FEAR THE LORD, AND SERVE HIM IN SINCERITY AND TRUTH.

- A. WITH A GENUINE DESIRE TO BE NEAR HIM
- B. WITH TRANSPARENT MOTIVES
- C. WITHOUT DESIRE TO IMPRESS OTHERS BY YOUR PIETY

II. IN FULL ASSURANCE OF FAITH

1 JOHN 2:3 NIV WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE COME TO KNOW IF WE OBEY HIS COMMANDS.

- A. FAITH IS THE BASIS FOR APPROACHING GOD
- B. FAITH IS THE MEANS OF APPROACHING GOD
- C. FAITH IS THE MEANS OF STAYING CLOSE TO GOD

III. HAVING OUR HEARTS SPRINKLED TO CLEANSE US FROM A GUILTY CONSCIENCE

1 JOHN 1:7B NIV ...AND THE BLOOD OF JESUS, HIS SON, PURIFIES US FROM ALL SIN.

- A. BEING MADE GUILTLESS THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS
- B. BEING KEPT GUILTLESS THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS

IV. HAVING OUR BODIES WASHED WITH PURE WATER

LEVITICUS 14:8 NIV THE PERSON TO BE CLEANSED MUST WASH HIS CLOTHES, SHAVE OFF ALL HIS HAIR, HE MUST SHAVE

HIS HEAD, HIS BEARD, HIS EYEBROWS, AND THE REST OF HIS HAIR. HE MUST WASH HIS CLOTHES AND BATHE HIMSELF WITH WATER, AND HE WILL BE CLEAN.

- A. CLEANSING THE EXTERIOR TO SHOW A CLEANED UP SPIRIT
- B. SHOWING GOD A CLEANED UP EXTERIOR