

THIS PRESENT TIME #12

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE DRAW NEAR TO GOD

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Hebrews 10:21-23 NIV and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² **let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings**, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

Hebrews 7:18-19 NIV The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless. ¹⁹ (for the law made nothing perfect), and **a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God**

Zephaniah 3:2 NIV She obeys no one, she accepts no correction. She does not trust in the Lord, **she does not draw near to her God.**

Getting started

1. We draw near in full assurance that is by faith.
2. We draw near because Christ has fulfilled the Law completely, opening a door for us which had been somewhat closed before.
3. Rebellion is always marked by disobedience, an unteachable spirit, a trust in false gods, and a refusal to draw near to God.

Five People who learned the value of drawing near

1. Moses - from Moses we learn that drawing near involves a willingness to go into a "new place" - a place called "Holy Ground." (Exodus 3)
2. Joshua - from Joshua we learn that drawing near involves a season of obscurity that blossoms later. (Exodus 33:11)
3. Samuel - from Samuel we learn that drawing near involves being available even when we know we are "over our heads." (1 Samuel 3:7)
4. Anna - from Anna we learn that drawing near often begins in a place of deep hurt or desperation. (Luke 2:36-38)
5. Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus: from Mary we learn the priority of drawing near, even in the face of clamoring voices and demands. (Luke 10:38-42)

Christian Life Lessons

1. Drawing near to God begins with His invitation.
2. Drawing near is linked with two responses - mine and His.
3. Drawing near is a choice.
4. Drawing near is also a lifestyle.