

Psalm 145:18 Psalm 73:28 Hebrews 10:19-25 James 4:7-10



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#### Psalm 145:18–20 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> The Lord *is* near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth. <sup>19</sup> He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and save them. <sup>20</sup> The Lord preserves all who love Him, But all the wicked He will destroy.



### Am I Drawing Closer To God Each Day?



Will not happen by accident!

Must be something we truly desire! Must be something we diligently strive for!



There Is A Difference Between "Knowing About God" And "Knowing God!"



# TO GOD

**Psalm 73:28 (NKJV)** <sup>28</sup> But *it is* good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord God, That I may declare all Your works.

### Those Who Are NOT Near To God



The boastful / prideful – Ps. 73:3,6

- Prosperity means nothing– Ps. 73:3,7,12
- Sin does NOT trouble their conscience Ps. 73:4

Seemingly have less trouble in life – Ps. 73:5

### Those Who Are NOT Near To God



Scoff and speak wickedness – Ps. 73:8
Proud speech – Ps. 73:8,9
Join with others who sin – Ps. 73:10
Lack respect – Ps. 73:11

At ease – Ps. 73:12

### Those Who Draw Near To God

#### Psalm 73

- Cleanse their heart Ps. 73:13
- Wash their hands Ps. 73:13
- Suffer Hardship Ps. 73:14
- Are concerned about influence on others – Ps. 73:15; Mat 5:13-16
  - Understand the end of the wicked Ps. 73:16-20, 27
  - Are penitent Ps. 73:21,22

### Those Who Draw Near To God

#### Psalm 73

- Trusts in God Ps. 73:23,28
- Follows God's word, trusting
   His promises Ps. 73:24
- Desires God above everyone
   & everything else Ps. 73:25
  - Doesn't trust in self Ps. 73:26
  - Tells others of God Ps. 73:28

#### Hebrews 10:19-25 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, <sup>21</sup> and having a High Priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

### How To Draw Near To God

#### Hebrews 10:19–25

- Knowing we can through Christ Heb. 10:19-21; Jn 14:6
- A true heart Heb. 10:22; Ps.
   119:2,10,34,58, 69,80,145; Ep. 6:5

Full assurance of faith – Heb. 10:22; 6:11; 11:6; Jm. 1:6-9

Obey the gospel – Heb. 10:22; 1 Pet. 1:22,23; Acts 2:38; Col. 2:11-13; Tit. 3:5; 1 Pet. 3:21

### How To Draw Near To God

#### Hebrews 10:19–25

- Holding fast the confession of our hope Heb. 10:23; 3:6,14; Rev 3:11; 2 Pet, 1:5-10
- Consider one another encouraging one another to love and good works – Heb. 10:24; 2 Cor. 9:2
  - Attendance and participation Heb. 10:25; Eph. 4:11-16
    - Encouraging one another Heb.
       10:25; 13:3; Rom. 12:3-13;

#### James 4:7-10 (NKJV)

7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

### How To Draw Near To God

#### James 4:7–10

- Submit To God yielding our will & deeds in obedience Rom 6:16-18
- Resisting the devil Say no to / fight against - Eph 4:27; 6:10-18
- Cleanse our hands Eph. 4:28
  - Purify our hearts Mat. 6:19-24
  - Repent & humble ourselves Mat. 5:3,4; 2 Cor. 7:10; 1 Pet 5:6



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Am I sincere? Is my heart fixed on Him and undivided?

Do I have unwavering confidence in God, His Son Jesus and His word?



Am I coming humbly, obeying God's will completely surrendering my will to His? Is there any sin in my life I need to deal with?



### Am I Drawing Closer To God Each Day?



### Is Your Current Direction Leading You Closer To God?



Drawing Rearer

Psalm 145:14-21 (NKJV) <sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all who fall, And raises up all who are bowed down. 15 The eyes of all look expectantly to You, And You give them their food in due season. <sup>16</sup> You open Your hand And satisfy the desire of every living thing. 17 The Lord is righteous in all His ways, Gracious in all His works.

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