

# Drawing Near to God

- A. "The cross is the blazing fire at which the flame of our love is kindled, but we have to get near enough to it for its sparks to fall on us." (John Stott)
- B. In *James 4:8* we are graciously invited, "Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you."
- C. The closer you draw to God, the more you'll come to understand how good he is (*Psa 34*).
- D. The more we "come to know" him, the more our affection for him will naturally rise (*John 6:66-69; 1 John 4:14-19; 2:2-3*).

## I. Drawing Near to God

- A. God is \_\_\_\_\_ about you (*Deut 4:24; 2 Cor 11:2; Rom 8:37-39*).
  
- B. God is willing and able to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ you (*Prov 17:3; Mal 3:3; 2 Cor 7:1*).
  
- C. God has promised to \_\_\_\_\_ the wrongs and \_\_\_\_\_ the broken (*2 Thes 1:5-10*).
  
- D. God can be your powerful \_\_\_\_\_ (*Zech 2:5; 1 Cor 10:13*).
  
- E. God is trustworthy, faithful, and \_\_\_\_\_ (*Lev 6:13; Rom 12:1; Heb 13:5-6*).

## II. Getting Closer to God through Jesus Christ

- A. "For you have not come to what may be \_\_\_\_\_..." (*Heb 12:18-24*).
  
- B. Your nearness to God is accomplished through Jesus Christ (*John 14:8-9, 6; Acts 4:11-12*).

## III. Destroying the Barrier of Sin

- A. "See that you do not \_\_\_\_\_ him who is speaking..." (*Heb 12:25-29*).
  
- B. " \_\_\_\_\_ your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded" (*James 4:1-10*).
  
- C. "Having purified your souls by your \_\_\_\_\_ to the truth..." (*1 Pet 1:22-25, 21; Acts 22:16*).