

A crown of thorns is the central visual element, resting on a dark, textured surface. The thorns are dark brown and sharp, with some catching the light. The background is a mix of dark red and brown tones, creating a somber and dramatic atmosphere.

Drawing Nearer To God

Psalm 145:18

Psalm 73:28

Hebrews 10:19-25

James 4:7-10

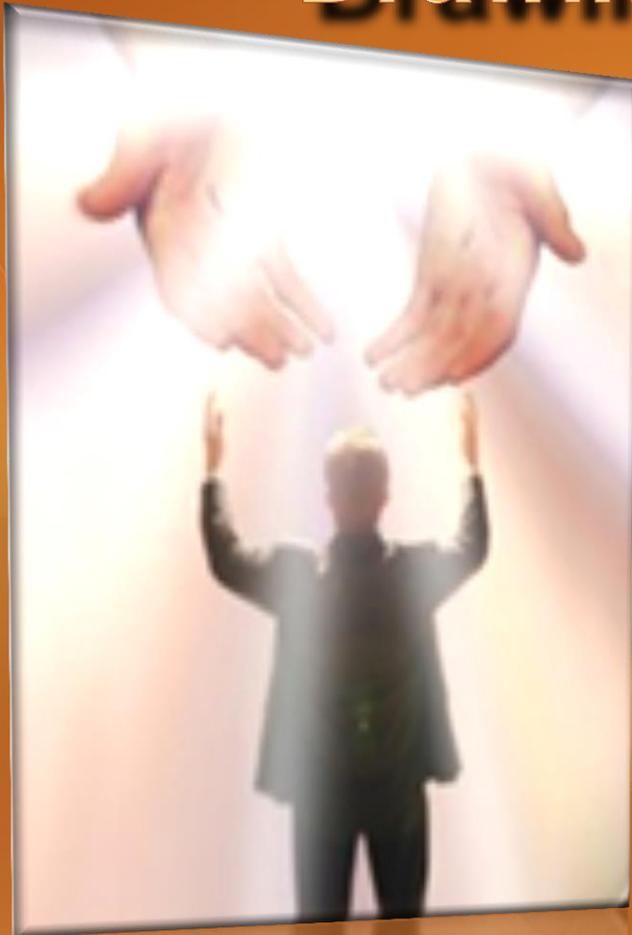
Drawing Nearer To God



**Are you desiring to
draw nearer to God?**

**Are You Drawing
Closer To Him Each
Day?**

Drawing Nearer To God



**There Is A
Difference Between
“Knowing About
God” And
“Knowing
God!”**

Drawing Nearer To God



Psalms 145:18-20 (NKJV)

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

Drawing Nearer To God

Characteristics of Being Near To God



Those Who Are:

◆ Seeking Him In

◆ TRUTH

◆ FEAR

◆ And LOVE

Drawing Nearer To God

Psalms 73:28 (NKJV)

²⁸ 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.



Drawing Nearer To God

Characteristics of Not Being Near To God



NOT:

- ◆ **Scoffing and wicked speech** – Psalm 73:8
- ◆ **Proud speech** – Psalm 73:8,9
- ◆ **Joining with others who sin** – Psalm 73:10
- ◆ **A lack of respect** – Psalm 73:11
- ◆ **At ease** – Psalm 73:12

Drawing Nearer To God

Characteristics of Being Near To God

ARE:

- ◆ **Cleansed heart** – Psalm 73:13
- ◆ **Washed hands** – Psalm 73:13
- ◆ **Hardship** – Psalm 73:14
- ◆ **Concerned about influence on others** – Psalm 73:15
- ◆ **Understands the end of the wicked** – Psalm 73:16-20, 27



Psalm 73

Drawing Nearer To God

Characteristics of Being Near To God

ARE:

- ◆ **Penitent** – Psalm 73:21,22
- ◆ **Trust in God** – Psalm 73:23,28
- ◆ **Follows God's word, trusting His promises** – Psalm 73:24
- ◆ **Desires God above all things** – Psalm 73:25
- ◆ **Doesn't trust in self** – Psalm 73:26
- ◆ **Tells others** – Psalm 73:28



Psalm 73

Drawing Nearer To God

How Do We DRAW Near To God

Hebrews 10:19-25 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, ²¹ and *having* a High Priest over the house of God,



Drawing Nearer To God

How Do We DRAW Near To God

Hebrews 10:19-25 (NKJV)

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. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is faithful*.



Drawing Nearer To God

How Do We DRAW Near To God



Hebrews 10:19-25 (NKJV)

²⁴ And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵ 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.

Drawing Nearer To God

How Do We DRAW Near To God



- ◆ **Knowing we can through Christ** – Heb. 10:19-21; Jn 14:6
- ◆ **Need a true heart** – Heb. 10:22; Ps. 119:2,10,34,58, 69,80,145; Eph. 6:5
- ◆ **Need 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

Drawing Nearer To God

How Do We DRAW Near To God



Hebrews 10:19-25

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

Drawing Nearer To God

How Do We DRAW Near To God

Submit To
God –
Resist the
devil –
Cleanse our
hands –



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,

Drawing Nearer To God

How Do We DRAW Near To God

**Purify our
hearts –
Humble
ourselves
and repent -**



James 4:8b-10 (NKJV)
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.

Drawing Nearer To God



- ◆ Am **I being 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 haven't dealt with?

Drawing Nearer To God



Psalms 145:18-20 (NKJV)

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

Nearer My God To THEE...
Is Your Current
Direction Leading
You Closer To Or
Further From God?

A vintage brass compass is the central focus, resting on an old, sepia-toned map. The compass face is yellowed with age and features a scale from 0 to 90 degrees. The cardinal directions are labeled: 'N' for North, 'S' for South, 'E' for East, and 'W' for West. The intercardinal directions are labeled 'NE', 'SE', 'SW', and 'NW'. A silver needle with a red tip is positioned over the 'N' mark. The map in the background shows various geographical features and city names, including 'Boston', 'New York', 'Philadelphia', 'San Diego', and 'Los Angeles'. The overall lighting is warm and golden, creating a sense of history and direction.