

Draw Near to Worship Him

“let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water”

Hebrews 10:22

1. Heart of Worship
 - a. If my heart is far from God my worship is in vain (Matthew 15:8, 9)
 - b. Going astray is primarily in the heart (Heb. 3:10)
2. What was the Lord looking for from man in the Old Testament?
 - a. In the Old Testament, it was an external drawing near, they came to a mountain, tabernacle or temple to worship
 - i. God’s desire even then was that their hearts would be near to His. (Isaiah 29:13)
3. Importance on our hearts being near to God
 - a. Psalm 73:28 – It is for my good that I draw near to God
 - b. Heb. 10:22 – Privilege for us in the new covenant

Drawing Near to God (as seen in Heb. 10:22)	Old Covenant	New Covenant
Sincere Heart	Tablets and hearts of stone (2 Cor. 3:3, Ezekiel 36:26)	God has given us a heart of flesh where He writes His laws (2 Cor. 3:3, Heb. 8:10)
Full assurance of faith	They could not be made perfect through the law (Heb. 10:1)	The constant exhortation is to come to Him (Heb. 4:16)
Sprinkled from an Evil Conscience	They were constantly reminded year after year of their sins. (Heb. 10:1; 9:9)	We could be cleansed perfectly in conscience, with no guilt (Heb. 9:14; 8:12)
Washed with pure water	Their sins were covered but not cleansed (Heb. 10:11)	We are completely cleansed (1 John 1:9)

- c. Heb. 7:19 – the law made nothing perfect, in contrast Jesus brought in a better hope (that we can become perfect in conscience) through which we *draw near* to God.
 - d. Heb. 7:24, 25 – Jesus is able to save for ever those who *draw near* to God through Him
4. God in His mercy has brought us near to Him
 - a. Psalm 65:4 – blessed is the one whom He chooses to bring near, there is a satisfaction in His presence
 - b. Exodus 24:1-2 – Moses was given a privilege that we all can have in the new covenant
5. Humility is a part of drawing near to God
 - a. James 4:5-10 – God gives grace to the humble and the exhortation to draw near to God.

