

Scriptural Devotional 9-26-24

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Approaching God, Part 1

- **Ephesians 3:11, 12:** “This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him.”
- **Matthew 11:28-29:** “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you shall find rest for you souls.”
- **Deuteronomy 4:29-31:** “But from there you will seek the Lord your God, and you will find Him if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul. When you are in distress and all these things have come upon you, in the latter days, you will return to the Lord your God and listen to His voice. For the Lord your God is a compassionate God; He will not fail you nor destroy you nor forget the covenant with your fathers which He swore to them.”
- **James 4:6-10:** “But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, ‘God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’ Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. **Draw near to God He will draw near to you.** Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be miserable and mourn and weep: let your laughter

be turned into mourning, and your joy into gloom. Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.”

- **Jeremiah 29:12-13:** “Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.”
- **Romans 8:15-16:** “For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons (and daughters) by which we cry out, ‘Abba! Father!’ His Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.”
- **Hebrews 4:12-16:** “For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do. Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.”
- **Isaiah 30:15, 18:** “For thus the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, has said: ‘In repentance and rest you shall be saved. In quietness and trust is your strength.’ But you were not willing...Therefore the Lord longs to be gracious to you, and therefore He waits on high to have compassion to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; How blessed are all those who long for Him.”

- **God's invitation to Draw near to Him: Revelation 22:17:** "The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let the one who hears say, 'Come.' And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost."