

Drawing Near to God

TEXT: Heb. 10:22

INTRODUCTION:

- A. DRAWING NEAR - GETTING CLOSE TO GOD.
 - 1. Not buddy buddy. Reverence must be maintained(**Heb. 12:28-29**).
 - 2. In reliance and for protection. An intimacy of relationship.
- B. UPON WHAT DOES THIS ADMONITION REST?(**10:19-21**).
- C. HOW DO WE APPROACH GOD?

I. WITH A TRUE HEART.

- A. JESUS CRITICISM OF THE JEWS(**Matt. 15:8-9**).
- B. GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS(**Rev. 2:2-4**).
- C. JESUS TAKES US BEYOND MERE CEREMONY(**John 4:19-24**).

II. IN FULL ASSURANCE OF FAITH.

- A. WE LIVE IN FAITH(**Gal. 2:20; Heb. 11:6**)
 - 1. Faith in his power(**2 Cor. 4:13-14**)..
 - 2. Faith in his motive(**Rom. 5:8**).
 - 3. Faith in his honesty(**Rom. 3:3-4**)
- B. GOD HAS PROVEN HIMSELF(**2 Tim. 2:11-13**).
- C. SO(**Heb. 11:1; 2 Tim. 1:12**).

III. OUR HEARTS SPRINKLED FROM AN EVIL CONSCIENCE.

- A. GOES BACK TO THE OLD LAW (**Lev. 16:3-15**).
 - 1. Aaron was to make atonement for the people by offering sacrifices.
 - 2. The blood of the sacrifice was to be sprinkled on the mercy seat(**Heb. 9:13**)
- B. A FIGURE FOR THE NEW TESTAMENT
 - 1. The sprinkling of Jesus' blood mediates a new covenant(**Heb 12:24**).
 - 2. Our redemption through the offering of his blood(**1 Pet. 1:2**).
 - 3. Sin is forgiven and the conscience is clean(**Heb. 10:22**).

IV. OUR BODIES WASHED WITH PURE WATER.

- A. OUR RESPONSE TO THE SACRIFICE. GOES BACK TO THE OLD LAW
- B. IT IS IN WASHING WE ARE REGENERATED, BORN AGAIN(**Titus 3:5**).
- C. WITH WHAT ARE WE WASHED?(**Eph. 5:26; Heb. 10:22**).
- D. AN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO BAPTISM(**Acts 22:16; 8:36-38**).

CONCLUSION:

- A. IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN BAPTIZED YOU ARE NOT CLEAN.
- B. THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED SHOULD APPRECIATE THE WORK OF JESUS AND DRAW NEAR TO GOD.