

## Drawing Near to God

*“Draw Near to God and He Will Draw Near to You...” - James 4:8*

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### To Draw Near to God, We Worship Him.

1. What **privilege** have Christians been given by the great High Priest Jesus Christ? (**Hebrews 10:21-22**)
2. In what **manner** should we draw near to God?

### God Wants a Special Kind of Worshipper

3. How can we be counted by God as **true** worshipers? (**John 4:23-24**)
4. If we do not worship *“in spirit and in truth,”* what will our worship be **in**? (**Mark 7:6-8**)

### Christians are Priests Who Offer Sacrifices in Worship to God (1 Peter 2:9-10)

5. What **kind** of sacrifices do Christians offer to God in worship? (**1 Peter 2:4-5**)
6. What makes a sacrifice we offer to God **spiritual**? (e.g., **Hebrews 13:15-16**)

### Drawing Near to God through Prayer

7. Why do we **need** to pray? (**Psalm 42:1-2; 5:1-3; Matthew 26:41**)
8. What should be our commitment to prayer? (**Colossians 4:2; Acts 2:42**)

### Devotion to God’s Word

9. What was the attitude of first century Christians toward the word of God? (**Acts 2:42; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; cf. Acts 17:11**)

### The Role of Women in Worship and Teaching

10. Should women teach over men and lead men in prayer? (**1 Tim. 2:8-14; cf. 1 Cor. 14:34-37**)

## “Breaking Bread” – A Memorial of Christ (Acts 2:42)

11. How does a Christian partake of the Lord’s Supper in a **worthy** manner? (1 Cor. 11:23-29)
12. **When** should a Christian partake of the Lord’s Supper? (Acts 20:7; cf. Mat. 28:1; Mark 16:1-2; Luke 24:1; John 20:1; 1 Cor. 16:2)
13. Would a hamburger and cola be acceptable for the Lord’s Supper **as long as** we remember His death? (Matthew 26:26-29; cf. Col. 3:17)

### Music in Worship to God

14. What type of music, **instrumental** or a **cappella** (singing without instruments), does the New Testament authorize (here on earth)? (Mat. 26:30/ Mark 14:26; Acts 16:25; Rom. 15:9; 1 Cor. 14:15; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Heb. 2:12; 13:15; James 5:13)
15. What **exactly** does God want us to accomplish when we sing in worship? (Eph 5:19; Col 3:16; cf. 1 Cor 14:15)
16. Can a mechanical instrument accomplish **anything** God desires for worship?
17. Is a mechanical instrument used in worship a **necessary aid** or an **unlawful addition** to the law of Christ? (Revelation 22:18-19)

**Compare:** Would it be acceptable to **add** peanut butter to the unleavened bread for the Lord’s Supper? (Mat. 26:26-28). If not, why not?

### Giving as an Act of Worship

18. In the Old Testament, the act of giving was **an expression of worship** (Num. 18:11; cf. Heb. 5:1). In the New Testament, how does God view giving? (e.g., Philippians 4:15-18)
19. Christians are commanded to take up a collection when they assemble on “*the first day of every week.*” On what basis do we determine how much we should give? (1 Cor. 16:1-2)
20. The Old Law required Israel to tithe (give 10%) (Deut. 14:22-29). Tithing is **not** required by the New Law. How then does the Christian decide (or “*purpose in his heart*” – 2 Cor. 9:7) **how much to give?** (2 Cor. 8:1-7; Mark 12:41-44)