

How can I get closer to God?

For many reason, people often feel they are not as close to God as they would like to be. Whether it is the reality of sin in our life or the sense that we are not doing as much as we could, we all need to pursue a life that is lived in closeness to God.

1. Where can I find the very presence of God?

Psalm 40:7

Luke **24:27**

Psalm **34:18**

Ephesians **1:17-19**

Acts **2:41-43**

Hebrews **10:7**

John 5:39

Psalm 145:18

Colossians 1:9-11

In order to get closer to God, we must first know where to find Him. He is found in the scriptures the continually communicate about the Lord Jesus Christ, whether it is about out need for Him (The Law), His pending arrival (Prophets), or the reality of His arrival (New Testament). It is in the pages of the Bible were we can find Him. Furthermore, we can find the presence of the Lord in the heart of the person who is truly aware of their own brokenness (sinfulness) and their inability to save themselves as they cry out to the Lord for His mercy. The presence of the Lord can be encountered by way of the presence of God's chosen people, your fellow Christians.

2. Where is God when I do not sense His presence?

Psalm **139:7-12**

Matthew **10:29-31**

Hebrews **13:5-6**

Job **23:8-9**

Acts **17:24-28**

Although we may not sense the presence of God, He is still near unto you. We are continually in His loving care. The Lord is never far from His people. He has never left us nor forsaken us. If there is a distance between God and myself, it is I who moved from His presence and not the other way around.

3. What does God desire of me in order to know Him more?

2 Timothy **2:15**

Ephesians **5:15-21**

2 Timothy **4:2-5**

Hebrews **10:25-25**

The Lord wants us to know His word, the scriptures, and to proclaim the word of God so that we do not get caught up with the latest doctrinal fad but that we might get caught up with Him. We are to be enamored with God and desire to be with the people of God and in the assembly of God's people. It is through being in the presence of God's people, pursuing a relationship with the Lord through God's people that we have a pathway of drawing closer to the Lord.

4. What can I proactively do in order to draw nearer to the presence of the Lord?

1 Thessalonians **5:17**

James **4:7-10**

Hebrews **7:19**

Romans **8:26-30**

We can begin with having a constant prayerful attitude. This is the mindset of continual reliance on the Lord and on His provision for every breath of life. We can draw closer to the Lord through faith, that is by believing what God has told us He did through Jesus Christ and in our hearts. We can draw closer to the Lord by continually submitting our wants, desires, and needs to the Lord for Him to satisfy our needs according to His will. This also extends to accepting the events of life as useful to God in order to make us to be more like His Son Jesus.