

God Who Comes Near

KEY POINTS AND VERSES

Summary: Though God doesn't need anything and we have sinned against Him, God has chosen to be with us and come near. So much so that he honestly interacts with us as people, the brokenhearted, and rejoicing over His people.

Lesson: God is God with us

1. God is near and far (Jer 23:23)
2. God interacts (Gen 6:6; Ex 32:9-14; 1 Sam 15:10; Jonah 3:4,10)
3. God dwells near the:
 - Contrite (Isaiah 57:15)
 - Lowly (Psalm 138:6)
 - Brokenhearted (Psalm 34:18; 73:28)
 - Widows and Orphans (Psalm 68:5)
 - Those who draw near (James 4:8)
4. God first loved us 1 John 4:10
 - Comes to us for our good (Rom 5:8; 2 Cor 5:21)
 - Christ died to bring us to God (1 Peter 3:18)
 - God can be reached (Acts 17:27)
 - Knowing God is eternal life John 17:3
5. God gets real joy from us (Isa 62:3-5; Zeph 3:17-18)

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Question: Why do we sometimes think that God loves us because we deserve to be loved by him? What are some reasons we should realize that we do not deserve to have God's love or kindness shown to us?

If God loves us when he doesn't need us, how should we respond to his love?