

To Draw Closer God A Collection Of Discourses Henry B Eyring

A Study Guide and a Teacher’s Manual Gospel Principles was written both as a personal study guide and as a teacher’s manual. As you study it, seeking the Spirit of the Lord, you can grow in your understanding and testimony of God the Father, Jesus Christand His Atonement, and the Restoration of the gospel. You can find answers to life’s questions, gain an assurance of your purpose and self-worth, and face personal and family challenges with faith.

Journaling with Jesus is a creative call to an authentic, intimate relationship with Christ through the art of prayer-journaling. Author Carol Round openly shares her own intimate journaling journey, initially borne of pain, and now bathed in promise—the hope of healing in Jesus. Let her sensitively guide you along your own prayer path through balanced scriptural support, stories from the lives of women transformed through the power of journaling, encouraging explanations about the benefits of journaling, and timely tips about how to start. Allow Journaling with Jesus to take you deep into the heart of God, by showing you practically and inspirationally how to bare the depths of your own heart on the blank page. As you fill your journal with words of honesty, God will fill your heart with the wonder of His love.“ –LYNN D. MORRISSEY, author of Love Letters to God: Deeper IntimacyThrough Written Prayer “The Initiative of God to restore relationship with every person requires our engagement. The age-old battle to create space to spend time with Him can be supported by the spiritual discipline of keeping a journal. Carol Round understands this. I encourage your pursuit of this commitment as you read Journaling with Jesus.” –STEVE LASWELL, author of The Journey–A Personal Journal and The Journey–Personal Notes from the Father

Biblical theology and doctrines of Jehovah’s Witnesses.

Using inspirational stories and compelling examples, this book gives an engaging thirty day plan to strengthen and improve your prayer life.

A Journal For Encountering God

Every Day in His Presence

Erwin Lutzer

Drawing Closer to the Heart of God

Nine Ways to Connect with God

Habits to Help You Grow Closer to God

365 Devotions

In this book you will not only hear God’s invitation to intimacy with him, but you will learn about becoming God’s friend from the example of Moses.

“As you get to know God through relational communication with Him, may He reveal Himself more fully to you and give you greater grace and peace each day.” —Dr. Tony Evans In times of crisis and change, knowing God is the only path to heart-deep stability and peace. Through prayer, you can experience His love, His character, and His strength—and have your faith transformed as God empowers you to continue advancing His kingdom on earth. In Prayers for Knowing God, Dr. Tony Evans guides you through more than 50 prayers designed to enable you to identify and understand God’s attributes. Whether you pray through this book word for word, or use each prayer as a springboard for your own dialogue with God, you will... experience Him spiritually, emotionally, and personally recognize His handiwork in the world that surrounds you understand His plans and desires for your life As a follower of God, seeking to know Him is the greatest quest you can undertake. This book will help you put the knowledge you’ve gained from Scripture into practice through an active, personal connection to your heavenly Father. Can be used in companion with The Power of Knowing God The Power of Knowing God Interactive Workbook The Power of Knowing God DVD

Examines the lives of almost 150 saints and heroes from the Scriptures. These men and women represent that ancient family into which, by baptism, all believers have been incorporated. They compose that great “cloud of witnesses” cheering us on and inspiring us through word and deed. About the Author: Patrick Henry Reardon is pastor of All Saints’ Orthodox Church in Chicago, Illinois, and a senior editor of Touchstone. He is the author of Christ in the Psalms: The Trial of Job; Orthodox Christian Reflections on the Book of Job; Creation and the Patriarchal Histories; Orthodox Christian Reflection on the Book of Genesis; Wise Lives; Orthodox Christian Reflections on the Wisdom of Sirach; Chronicles of History and Worship; Orthodox Christian Reflections on the Books of Chronicles, as well as more than 500 articles, editorials, and reviews, published in Books and Culture, Touchstone, The Scottish Journal of Theology, The Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Pro Ecclesia, St. Vladimir’s Theological Quarterly, and other journals on three continents.

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“We want you to know how much this guide has been a blessing to us. We have been using it on a regular basis and I’m sure it will always be a resource in our permanent library. Keep doing what you are doing. This has really changed our lives.” - Carrie, US “What an awesome thing that your ministry is sharing with the world. God’s word is user friendly, spoken as Jesus did where all can understand and want to learn more of Jesus, study more and do his will. I have never found such detailed shared information of God’s word all in one book.” - Ruby, US “Thank you so much for your website. I’ve benefited so much from it and it has helped me so much in my relationship with Jesus! I believe it’s the no1 thing I need to pursue.” - Zsuzsi, Hungary “Your website, what I’ve read so far is an overwhelming refreshing shower to my spirit. To discover a ministry that focuses on loving God is so utterly a confirmation to me. What could be more important? Fathomless depths. Thank you for your precious hearts.” - Julia, US “Just wanted to say thanks for this site. I typed in the search because this is what God has been doing in my life. Drawing me into intimacy.” - Stephen, Australia “The material on your website is awesome. Glory to God!” - Ray, US “I am in awe of the study book. I did not expect to receive so much information. Thank you.” - Olivia US “I have been blessed by your site & studies.” - Dorota, Poland “The study was excellent ! I could understand it. It was done beautifully and simply... God has changed our lives through this study. We are both working for a soft and humble heart.” - Nancy, US “Once again I can’t thank you enough; your help is much appreciated and I am so grateful towards you for this.” - John, Ireland “I will certainly join in praying for this study and for you as you continue to work with it as the Lord

directs. Those weeks of study were so very meaningful to me! - Reid, US “Hi, Thank you for publishing this great material.” - Johan, South Africa “Praise the Lord. Please I request a copy of your wondrous book.” - Meshak, Uganda

The Daniel Fast

To Draw Closer to God

How to Draw Closer to God

Prayers for Knowing God

Christ in His Saints

PrayYourWay to Intimacy with God

Journaling with Jesus

If you’re feeling lost, disconnected, or longing for something more, join bestselling authors John Eldredge and Brent Curtis as they explore the greatest love of our lives: our faith. The Sacred Romance invites us to find the peace and purpose we crave by slowing down, asking questions, and deepening our relationship with God. Eldredge and Curtis believe that modern Christians have lost touch with our hearts. We’ve left that essential part of ourselves behind in the pursuit of efficiency, success, and the busyness of our lives. The Sacred Romance will guide you through a journey to getting to know yourself and your creator even better, asking you: What is this restlessness and emptiness I feel, sometimes after years into my Christian journey? How will my spiritual life touch the rest of my life? What is it that is set so deeply in my heart, that simply will not leave me alone?

When did I stop listening to God’s leading? The Sacred Romance is a journey of the heart. It is a journey full of intimacy, adventure, and beauty, that will guide you to your fondest memories, your greatest loves, your noblest achievements, and even your deepest hurts—but the reward is worth the risk.

“Are you hungry for more of God in your life? Discover why millions of men and women throughout the world are rediscovering the ancient discipline of fasting—and, as a result, are encountering God in amazing ways. In this authoritative guide, Susan Gregory, ‘The Daniel Fast Blogger’, and an acknowledge expert on the popular partial fast inspired by the biblical book of Daniel, guides readers toward a successful fasting experience”—Cover, p. 4.

It’s one thing to read Scripture. It’s another to write verses down and journal about how they impact your life. We’ve taken that one step further. Draw Near to God has verses to color and lines for journaling all in one place. There is plenty room of for jotting down personal reflections, questions, or prayer requests and answers. But what draws you in are the hand-drawn coloring pages that allow you to create a personal work of art from God’s Word.

You are a royal priest. That Reality Will Change Your Life Human beings are wired for connection. We long for deep relationships and real intimacy—both of which reflect our fundamental desire to be close to God. But all too often, whether because of our sin or our failures, we imagine that God prefers to keep his distance. In this book, Edward T. Welch shows us the purpose for which we were created: to be brought near to God as a

kingdom of priests. He traces the priestly identity throughout the entire Bible, showing us how holiness leads to closeness to God. Through the blood of Jesus, God extends his invitation for all to draw near with open arms. And in his presence, we discover what it means to be truly human: known, unashamed, and wise, full of meaning, purpose, and abundant life.

Find Your Joy in God, Your Man, Your Kids, and Your Home

Getting Closer to God

Feed Your Soul, Strengthen Your Spirit, and Renew Your Body

Love Worth Finding 25 Pack

Women Living Well

100 Bible Verses to Deepen Your Faith

Get Closer

Everyday life can be demanding: it’s easy to become distracted by so many things that seem important. But in order to achieve the life God has planned for you, you have to make time daily for what’s most important - and the building block of a fulfilling life - your relationship with Him. In Closer to God Each Day, Joyce Meyer, #1 New York Times bestselling author, offers a practical way to grow in your intimacy with God. Joyce shares powerful Scripture and personal illustrations that will help you experience the joy and peace that is gained through closeness with Him. You’ll begin to navigate life more effectively, make better decisions, and claim the wonderful life you were meant to lead, day by day.

In Drawing Near, John Bevere invites readers to explore a life of intimacy with God. Emphasizing the need for obedience, he urges us to practice—just as we would practice anything we hope to improve—our communication with the Holy Spirit. Understanding that prayer is a dialogue, not a monologue, Bevere encourages us to listen at the Father’s feet. Study questions in each chapter offer opportunity for reflection, and a “How to draw near to God” section offers practical steps toward developing true intimacy with Him.

In a world filled with strong opinions and partisan realities, Father J. Scott Wilson in his excellent book, “Upward Call” has transcended external conflicts and presented to the People of God a book that can unite a person within his or her very soul, by giving us very practical ways to walk with the Lord. Writing a book about the Spiritual life in today’s world runs the risks of several polarizations: anecdotalism (all about the author) to intellectualism (all about concepts) and external examples (look at your felt experience) to introspective examples (what are you thinking?). Fr. Wilson does a remarkable job of taking the two extremes, and weaving together a seamless story - a story of walking with Jesus Christ. In classical Ascetical Theology, we are presented with terms that help immensely those who are on a serious spiritual journey. In many modern books on the spiritual there is either an avoidance or ignorance of classical Spirituality which can result in having a book that is easily forgotten, and not particularly useful for a book study or a class. Fr. Wilson has produced a book that results in being drawn ever closer to Christ in both a classical and contemporary way, by confronting and explaining, without being slavishly wedded to one way versus another. Simply put, this book is a love story about a relationship with Jesus Christ, and the goal is for others to discover that being with Jesus is more than (1) having a happy that is easily forgotten, and not particularly useful for a book study or a class. Fr. Wilson has produced a book that results in being drawn ever closer to Christ in both a classical and contemporary way, by confronting and explaining, without being slavishly wedded to one way versus another. Simply put, this book is a love story about a relationship with Jesus Christ, and the goal is for others to discover that being with Jesus is more than (1) having a happy thoughts about Jesus and (2) going to church every Sunday. And now, you as a reader, must walk with the author chapter by chapter in a pilgrimage to and with Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Insightful and heart-warming, this classic book is written for those who seek to know God better. It unfolds life-impacting, biblical truths and has been called a “soul-stirring celebration of the pleasures of knowing God.”

Closer to God Each Day Devotional

A Collection of Discourses

A Life of Intimacy with God

Coloring Journal

Using Your Doubts to Draw Closer to God

Draw Near to God

Gospel Principles

Sometimes we may wonder if God hears us. After months or years of praying over something, we can’t find much evidence he is paying attention. Doesn’t he love and care for us? Isn’t he all-powerful? What’s going on? Scripture offers 6 clear reasons why your prayers may go unanswered. Learn what they are, and what you can do about it.

It’s been said that Centering Prayer is like two friends sitting together in silence, just being in each other’s presence—completely natural and comfortable. Yet, Centering Prayer is sometimes viewed as too mysterious, too escapist, too hard. At first, it even appeared that way to the author, but events in his life and his further studies about prayer changed his views. Through Muyskens’ insightful guidance, you’ll explore a method of prayer that goes deeper than verbal conversations with God. This book teaches: silent communion with God a method of being open to the gift of God’s presence a way of receiving a deep ad intimate relationship with God Each day’s reading has a focal scripture verse and the author’s reflection, ending with simple suggestions for contemplative prayer. You’ll begin with as few as 5 minutes of Centering Prayer. By following the guidance in this book for 40 days, you will be led to a closer relationship with God. As you progress through the daily scripture and meditative readings in Forty Days to a Closer Walk with God, you’ll find greater understanding and fresh awareness of Jesus’ promise, “I am with you always.”

What does it mean to get closer to God? James 4:8 (NKJV) promises: “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.” If you have believed in Jesus Christ and if He is your Lord and Savior, you’re already as close to Jesus-spiritually speaking-as you can get. However, in the here and now, bombarded by earthly distractions and difficulties, it can feel like He is an eternity away. Through Get Closer: A Devotional for Encountering God, Van Moody leads you on a fifty-two-week journey of hearing God in the following areas: Faith, Family, Finance, Fitness, and Fun. Grow in intimacy and faith by setting aside time each week to get closer and encounter God.

There is truly no greater calling this side of heaven!

Are you longing for a deeper relationship with God? Are you wondering how to draw near to Him? For anyone who wants to know God in a deeper way, Draw Near to God: 100 Bible Verses to Deepen Your Faith provides a simple and profound way to connect God’s Word to your faith life. Each of the 100 Bible verses includes a supportive reflection that will guide, support, and assure you that your heavenly Father loves you and longs to spend time with you simple prayer inspired by the Bible verse minimalist designed interior which is great for men and women This beautiful book is full of rich insight on how to create a deeper relationship with God, how to accept grace and mercy, and how to pray for an abundant life. Draw Near to God is: a great self-purchase to help you strengthen your relationship with the Lord a thoughtful gift for a friend who is deepening their spiritual life a meaningful gift for an essential worker, teacher, or co-worker In Draw Near to God, you’ll find Scripture and reflections that will guide, support, and assure you that your heavenly Father loves you and longs to spend time with you.

The Thomas Factor

Desiring God

The Letter of James

Drawing Near to the Heart of God

Created to Draw Near

40 Ways to Get Closer to God

Drawing Near

Using the biblical model of Moses’ close relationship with God, best-selling author and pastor Erwin Lutzer shows readers how to come into a more intimate union with the Lord. This book shows us how everything in our lives -- failures as well as successes -- helps us to draw nearer to God, to get to know him better, and to walk in his presence with a steadier step. Getting Closer to God includes a personal and group study guide that aids readers in putting the book’s important teaching into practice.

Closer to God invites you to reinforce your connection with the Lord as you explore the benefits of intimate encounters with Him. This insightful non-fiction book will show how to pray, read and understand Scripture, and listen for God’s direction. Not only will you grow in your own relationship with Jesus, you’ll be inspired to help others to do the same.

Drawing God is the story of a young girl named Emma, who is inspired to draw like Picasso after a field trip to the art museum. Emma wants to draw something beyond spectacular and decides to draw God. She is quick to share her masterpiece with her best friend at school, but he can’t see God in her drawing. Emma tries again and again, and none of her classmates can see God in her drawings. Finally, Emma realizes that she doesn’t need their approval. But soon after, she also realizes the power of her contagious inspiration, when she returns to school to find everyone drawing God -- and every picture is different.

Life is not always as easy as it seems. Are you feeling troubled with the fast pace of life? Are you overwhelmed with constant demands? You can get more, and be more, by spending every day abiding in the presence of our Lord. Living more deliberately in His presence is attainable. While the cares of the world seem pressing now, we are not alone -- we have lasting hope and peace in Him. Every Day in His Presence by Charles Stanley invites readers to step into the presence of an eternal God who is bidding them to find serenity and security in Him. This uplifting 365-day devotional includes: Scripture with a meaningful application A short prayer that serves as a peaceful reminder that God is part of your life An “In His Presence” takeaway for thought and reflection Charles Stanley encourages others to identify sincere contentment and gratitude and discover the reasoning for their existence. Every Day in His Presence is perfect: As a self-purchase or gift for anyone wanting a deeper relationship with the Lord For individuals searching for a positive way to start their day As a resource to identify daily challenges with a fresh perspective

Lessons from the Life of Moses

The Practice of Centering Prayer

Brass Heavens

Closing the Distance between You and Your Creator

The Light of His Presence

Pursuing Intimacy With God

Plan of Life

“Forty days of practical exercises for Christians to enhance their love of God and put their faith into action”--Provided by publisher.

ECPA BESTSELLER • CHRISTIAN BOOK AWARD FINALIST • The beloved Bible teacher and daughter of Billy Graham shares a rich treasury of her personal prayers to guide you into deeper, more intimate daily conversations with God. Why is it that as soon as we bow our heads to pray, we start thinking of other things we need to do? How do we make time to pray in the middle of our busy lives? And how do we know what to say and how to say it? Like many of us, Anne Graham Lotz has struggled with prayer. Over the years, she discovered that writing out her prayers draws her into deeper, more intimate conversations with God. The Light of His Presence offers forty of these tender, honest prayers for real-life situations as an invitation to become your own prayer life through worship, confession, thanksgiving, and intercession. You’ll be encouraged to lean more fully into God’s promises through this power-packed devotional resource, which includes inspiring quotes from Christians throughout the ages and also has space to journal your own words to God. As Anne writes, “My prayer for you . . . is that God will use my struggle with prayer to help you overcome yours. And that, as a result, you will be drawn nearer to the heart of God.”

Eliminate the Spiritual Distance between You and God Do you feel far from God? Perhaps you desire nearness, but you end up filling your calendar instead of communing with the Savior. Wayman Ming Jr. will show you how daily interruptions are divine opportunities to evaluate your life and close the spiritual gap between you and God. If you have become too comfortable in the daily practice of your faith, or you are on a quest to go deeper, this book will help you draw near to your Creator and pursue His heart with passion as you . identify and remove obstacles in finding God . deepen your roots of daily prayer and devotion . find peace and hope in God’s presence amid trials . develop spiritual rhythms with the Holy Spirit . hunger for personal revival and spiritual awakening in our culture God is reforming how we think and act as followers of His Son. The Holy Spirit will empower your full pursuit of what matters most and help you align your life with His plans--for your good! "While God’s interruptions” in our lives often do not make sense to us, He desires that we seek Him in all circumstances: good, bad and ugly. Nearer to God challenges us to see these interruptions as invitations to a closer walk with God.”--Pastor Samuel Rodriguez, president, National Hispanic Christian Leadership

Sacred Pathways reveals nine distinct spiritual temperaments--and their strengths, weaknesses, and tendencies--to help you improve your spiritual life and deepen your personal walk with God. It's time to strip away the frustration of a one-size-fits-all spirituality and discover a path of worship that frees you to be you. Experienced spiritual directors, pastors, and church leaders recognize that all of us engage with God differently, and it's about time we do too. In this updated and expanded edition of Sacred Pathways, Gary Thomas details nine spiritual temperaments and--like the Enneagram and other tools do with personality--encourages you to investigate the ways you most naturally express yourself in relationship with God. He encourages you to dig into the traits, strengths, and pitfalls in your devotional approach so you can eliminate the barriers that keep you locked into rigid methods of worship and praise. Plus, as you begin to identify and understand your own temperament, you'll soon learn about the temperaments that aren't necessarily "you" but that may help you understand the spiritual tendencies of friends, family, and others around you. Whatever temperament or blend of temperaments best describes you, rest assured it's not by accident. It's by the design of a Creator who knew what he was doing when he made you according to his own unique intentions. If your spiritual walk is not what you'd like it to be, you can change that, starting here. Sacred Pathways will show you the route you were made to travel, marked by growth and filled with the riches of a close walk with God. A Sacred Pathways video Bible study is also available for group or individual use, sold separately.

An Intimate Personal Relationship With Jesus Christ

Husband After God

Women's Bible Study

Drawing God

Encouragement for Your Lifetime Journey

The Sacred Romance

Reasons for Unanswered Prayer

An inspirational book that offers words of healing for those wrestling with religious doubts and shows Christians how to grow closer to God through times of uncertainty.

Create your own Catholic plan of life and form the habits that will help you grow closer to God.

Women desire to live well. However, living well in this modern world is a challenge. The pace of life, along with the new front porch of social media, has changed the landscape of our lives. Women have been told for far too long that being on the go and accumulating more things will make their lives full. As a result, we grasp for the wrong things in life and come up empty. God created us to walk with him; to know him and to be loved by him. He is our living well and when we drink from the water he continually provides, it will change us. Our marriages, our parenting, and our homemaking will be transformed. Mommy-blogger Courtney Joseph is a cheerful realist. She tackles the challenge of holding onto vintage values in a modern world, starting with the keys to protecting our walk with God. No subject is off-limits as she moves on to marriage, parenting, and household management. Rooted in the Bible, her practical approach includes tons of tips that are perfect for busy moms, including: Simple Solutions for Studying God’s Word How to Handle Marriage, Parenting, and Homemaking in a Digital Age 10 Steps to Completing Your Husband Dealing With Disappointed Expectations in Motherhood Creating Routines that Bring Rest Pursuing the Discipline and Diligence of the Proverbs 31 Woman There is nothing more important than fostering your faith, building your marriage, training your children, and creating a haven for your family. Women Living Well is a clear and personal guide to making the most of these precious responsibilities.

No person on earth has ever enjoyed the intimacy Moses had with God. No one spent more time with God; no one understood Him better. Moses lived during one of the darkest times of Hebrew history and yet his life is a remarkable example of intimacy with the Almighty. How did Moses grow closer to God even in such dark times? What can Christians learn from Moses about growing closer to God today? Through the life of Moses, arguably one of the greatest leaders in history, popular pastor and best-selling author Erwin W. Lutzer leads readers on a journey to becoming better acquainted with the Lord. After suggested Bible readings at the beginning of each chapter, Lutzer expounds on the biblical text to demonstrate key lessons in pursuing intimacy with God. Lutzer shows how Moses learned to overcome doubt after hearing God’s call, how Moses learned to obey God at the burning bush, how Moses came to trust God while wandering in the wilderness, and how Moses obeyed God in leading the nation of Israel. Through these lessons, Lutzer helps believers expose the excuses and idols that come between them and God so that they may be motivated to pursue Him and to “draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith” (Hebrews 10:22 NIV).

Prayers to Draw You Near to the Heart of God

Sacred Pathways

Drawing Closer to God and Your Wife

What Does the Bible Really Teach?.

Upward Call

CLOSER

Meditations of a Christian Hedonist

Psychologists have long known that every person has two great longings and inward needs. The first is to be loved, and the second is to love. But when pressures and heartaches come into our lives, many give up any hope of ever finding love. The tragedy is that we often look in the wrong places to fill this deep need and longing. Some substitute lust for love. Others pursue material things or superficial relationships—all in the futile attempt to fill a God-shaped vacuum in the human heart. But there is good news! There is a love worth finding and a love worth sharing. The Bible says, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). On the cross of Christ, God’s mighty love was revealed and offered unconditionally to all who would be saved. Do you long to know this mighty love? Then I need to ask you the most important question you’ll ever be asked: Do you know beyond a shadow of a doubt that God loves you, that your sins are forgiven, and that you are saved and on your way to heaven? The great news is, you can know! Let me share with you how to discover the greatest love worth finding. Admit Your Sin. First, you must admit that you are a sinner. The Bible says, “None is righteous, no, not one. . . . For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:10, 23). It is our sin that separates us from God and from fulfilling our deepest needs and longings. Sin is an offense against God that carries a serious penalty. According to Romans 6:23, “The wages of sin is death [eternal separation from the love and mercy of God].” Abandon Your Efforts. Second, you must abandon any efforts to save yourself. If we could save ourselves, Jesus’s death would have been unnecessary! Even “getting religion” cannot get you to heaven. The Bible says it is “not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his mercy” that we are saved (Titus 3:5). Salvation is by God’s grace, “not a result of works, so that no one may boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9). Acknowledge Christ’s Payment. What you cannot do for yourself, Jesus Christ has done for you! “But God shows his love toward us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). He died on the cross for you and then rose from the dead to prove that his payment was acceptable to God. But you must acknowledge and believe this fact, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved” (Acts 16:31). Accept Christ as your Savior. Salvation is God’s gift to you. “The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23). When someone offers you a priceless gift, the wisest thing you can do is accept it! This very moment, you can receive Christ’s gift of salvation by sincerely praying this simple prayer from your heart: Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I know that you love me and want to save me. Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God, who died on the cross to pay for my sins. I believe God raised you from the dead. I now turn from my sin and, by faith, receive you as my personal Lord and Savior. Come into my heart, forgive my sins, and save me, Lord Jesus. In your name I pray. Amen.

Why Draw Near to God?God makes a promise to us in James 4:8. He says if we will draw near toHim, that He will draw near to us. What an amazing promise. God isn’talking about physical proximity of course, but a life of personal, intimatefellowship with Him. Yet, this promise is conditional. It requires somethingon our part—we must first draw near to Him. God seeks this relationship,even to the sacrificing of His son. Romans 5:8 says, “but God shows his loverfor us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” So the questionis, do we desire this close relationship, this nearness? This study is designedto help us fulfill our part. Perhaps we should ask, “What are some of theblessings that are received from a close relationship with God?”

Few books in the New Testament are better known or more often quoted as the Letter of James. Because James is so concise, so intensely practical, and so filled with memorable metaphors and illustrations, it has become one of the two or three most popular New Testament books in the church. This highly original commentary seeks to make the Letter of James clear and applicable to Christian living today. Interacting with the latest views on James but keeping academic references to a minimum, Douglas Moo first introduces the Letter of James in its historical context and then provides verse-by-verse comments that explain the message of James both to its first readers and to today’s church.

Inevitably, most hymn books can only include a limited number of hymn choices for the occasional services - baptism, confirmation, marriage, funerals, ordination, services for healing and wholeness. “Draw Near to God” extends the choices available with contemporary hymns mostly set to well known tunes. Included is a wedding hymn based on “1 Corinthians 13” - one of the most popular readings at weddings - to a tune that is easy to sing.

Our Life as God’s Royal Priests

Drawing Nearer to God

Keys to Spiritual Intimacy from the Life of Moses

Nearer to God

Forty Days to a Closer Walk with God

365 Devotions for Everyday Living

Closer to God

Best-selling Bible teacher and Navigator author Cynthia Heald prepares women for the most fulfilling journey they’ll ever go on--walking with God through life.