

Top Ten Reasons to Dare to Draw Near

10. *Because nearness to God has its perks!*

We get “extras” beyond salvation

Mt 6:33—³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

9. *Because the Lord promises good things to those close to Him:*

Lam 3:25—The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.

Ps 34:10—The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

8. *Because wisdom comes to those who seek Him:*

You don't just get wisdom by believing – you ask and pray for it.

Eph 1:15-17. For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love^[f] toward all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,

James 1:5 If any of you lacks **wisdom**, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

7. *Because in knowing God better you will know His will:*

Col 1:9. And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

Rom 12:2. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

6. *Because God becomes our Refuge:*

Psalms 62:8 Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a **refuge** for us.

Psalm 3:3-4 But you, O Lord, are a shield about me,
my glory, and the lifter of my head.

⁴I cried aloud to the Lord,
and he answered me from his holy hill.

5. *Because walking close to the Lord strengthens us:*

Nem. 8:10 do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength

Php. 4:13 I can do all things through him who **strengthens** me.

4. *Because nearness to God = friendship with God:*

Deut. 31:6 Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.”

James 2:23 Abraham believed **God**, and it was counted to him as righteousness” — and he was called a **friend of God**.

John 15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

3. *Because Jesus drew near to the Father when He was here --*

Jesus withdrew many times to be with His Father

Luke 5:16 —he would withdraw to desolate places and pray

Mt. 14:23—he went up on the mountain by himself to pray

Mk. 1:35—early in the morning he went out to desolate place to pray

2. *Because nothing satisfies like being near to God*

Psalm 63:3 Because your steadfast love is better than life

Ps. 73:28 But for me it is good to be near God;

I have made the Lord God my refuge,
that I may tell of all your works.

Ps 107:9 For he satisfies the longing soul,
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

No. 1 Reason to Dare to Draw Near — —

BECAUSE GOD DESIRES FOR US TO DRAW NEAR!!

Deut. 6:5 You shall **love the Lord** your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

First Commandment: You shall have no other gods before me.

James 4:8 Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.