

**ministering  
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Part 1: Preparing for His Presence

*What makes God smile?*



*So how do we prepare to minister to  
His presence?*

# Matthew 13:55–58

<sup>55</sup> *Is not this the carpenter's son?* Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?

<sup>56</sup> And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?" <sup>57</sup> And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "***A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his own household.***"

<sup>58</sup> And he did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief.



Come Clean



# Psalms 24:3–6

<sup>3</sup> Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?  
And *who shall stand in his holy place?* <sup>4</sup> He  
who has *clean hands and a pure heart*, who  
does *not lift up his soul to what is false and  
does not swear deceitfully.* <sup>5</sup> He will receive  
blessing from the Lord and righteousness from  
the God of his salvation. <sup>6</sup> Such is the  
generation of those who seek him, who seek  
the face of the God of Jacob.

*Clean Hands*

The background is a dark, almost black, space filled with a complex, abstract pattern of light. A central, bright green and blue light source, resembling a microscopic view of a hand being cleaned or a cluster of bacteria, is the focal point. This light source is surrounded by a dense field of smaller, glowing particles and fibers, creating a sense of depth and movement. The overall effect is one of scientific precision and hygiene.



# *Pure Heart*



# Psalms 51:16-17

<sup>16</sup> For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. <sup>17</sup> *The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise*

Come Carrying



# Deuteronomy 16:16–17

<sup>16</sup> "Three times a year all your males shall appear before the Lord your God at the place that he will choose: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Booths. ***They shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed.*** <sup>17</sup> Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.

# Psalms 50:23 (thankfulness)

<sup>23</sup> *The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me;* to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!"

# Matthew 5:23–24 (forgiveness)

<sup>23</sup> So *if you are offering your gift at the altar* and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup> *leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.*



# Hebrews 10:19–25

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers, since *we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,* <sup>20</sup> *by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,* <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> *let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.*

# Hebrews 10:19–25

<sup>23</sup> Let us *hold fast the confession of our hope* without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> *And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,* <sup>25</sup> *not neglecting to meet together,* as is the habit of some, *but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*



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