
Date: January 18, 2026, 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

Sermon: “*Let Us Draw Near!*” (Part 2)

A Study in God’s Word Based on James 4:1-10

The Key Text: “Draw close [“near” (KJV, NASV, NIV)] to God, and He will draw close [“near”] to you.” James 4:8a (*New Living Translation*)

The Exposition:

[Review from last Sunday’s Message:]

I. The **Blessing** That Is **Promised**: “*God will draw close to you*”

II. The **Condition** That Is **Prescribed**: “*Draw close to God*”

There are four steps we must take to do this:

A. We must **Confess** and forsake our **Sins**— vv. 8b-10 [January 11]

[New material for January 18 message:]

B. We must **Consecrate** ourselves to the **Lord** – vv. 4-7

C. We must **Come** to God in **Prayer**— vv. 2b-3

D. We must **Cultivate** harmony and peace in the **Body** – vv. 1-2a

In short, we are to “love one another” (Jn. 13:34).

To show love to others, you and I need to:

Lift up the Lord;

Overlook offenses;

Vow to be a peacemaker, not a troublemaker;

Empathize with others.