

## Draw Nigh to God

**James 4:8** Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you...

**Psalms 145:18** The LORD *is* nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

### 1. When Your Spirit is Contrite

**Psalms 34:18** The LORD *is* nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

**Isaiah 57:15** For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name *is* Holy; I dwell in the high and holy *place*, with him also *that is* of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

### 2. When the Saviour sends Chastisement

**Psalms 30:5** For his anger *endureth but* a moment; in his favour *is* life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy *cometh* in the morning.

He chastens us to bring us closer not to drive us away!

**Proverbs 3:12** For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son *in whom* he delighteth.

**Hebrews 12:6** For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

### 3. When Your Sin needs Confessing

**James 4:8** Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *ye* double minded.

**Isaiah 55:7** Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will **abundantly pardon**.