

Draw Near to God (Part 2)

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of drawing near to God through surrender, obedience, and a personal relationship with Him.

Scripture: James 4:7

Topics: "Seeking God's Will", "Surrender to God"

Description

K.P. Yohannan emphasizes the importance of seeking God's will in every aspect of life, illustrated through a personal story about his son Daniel learning to prioritize God's permission over personal desires. He teaches that true surrender to God requires humility and a complete commitment to the Spirit, warning that failing to obey God's will leads to following Satan's path. Yohannan outlines three steps to a victorious life: surrendering to God, resisting sinful thoughts, and drawing near to God, likening this relationship to a child's closeness to a loving father. He encourages believers to remove obstacles that hinder their relationship with God and to approach Him with a sincere heart. Ultimately, being near to God brings strength and assurance of His presence.

Transcript

Seeking God's Will in Everything Once my son Daniel asked me for permission to go and watch a game with his friends. I asked him, "Son, did you ask for God's permission, whether He would like it?" Instead of saying no to him, I let him seek God's will and decide. I wanted him to learn this principle from his childhood. Daniel went to his room silently and came back after some time and said, "Daddy, I am not going, I think God would not like it." The answer of my son made me happy.

I was thinking that sending him with his friends to watch the game was good, but at that moment he came back to me after prayer and told me this. When we give ourselves to the will of God, our wishes may not be fulfilled. But still it will end for our own good. To forsake our wishes and give ourselves to the will of God requires humbleness and our complete surrender. Not only that, we need a mind to give our life completely to the Spirit. Those who don't obey God obey Satan.

Those who don't obey God's will obey the will of Satan. Satan wants each of us to go against the will of God and perish. He wants to live without even thinking about God's will, living according to our likes and way of doing things. Don't forget that this is the will of Satan. Three Steps to a Victorious Life "Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you."(James 4:7-8) According to St. James, those who want to achieve righteousness have to

obey three things: Surrender to God: we must abandon our arrogance, pride and self in the light of God's words.

Stand against thoughts of committing sins and going against God, which are from Satan: we have to stand against Satan who comes to us with these thoughts. When we do this, Satan will run away from us. Go near God: I think it's like a son going to his father, if we go near God, he will come near to us. Once at night I was in my study reading. My son Daniel (who was only four years old at the time) opened the door of the study and came next to me. He was ready to go to bed after his prayers.

I took him to his bed, left him there and continued my reading. I heard some noise and turned and saw Daniel standing in the doorway, his eyes fixed on me. "Daniel, why are you not sleeping? Why you are standing here?" To my question he replied, "Daddy, I don't want anything, I just came to sit with you." Saying these words, he jumped into my lap and sat there. He buried his head on my chest. He sat like that for some more time and then finally went back to bed. For a son to be in the presence of his loving father is the dearest feeling.

Leaning on his father's bosom gives him strength and courage. No father will abandon a son who is rushing to be with him. baby-22194_1280 Never be lazy to go near God. When we are close to Him, He will come near; He will never abandon us. We have to remove all the stumbling blocks which will hinder us from going near to God. Confess your sins and leave them forever, never have double mind or a weak heart. Concentrate on God--loving him more than anything or anybody is the way to attain blessing.

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