

Coming before God

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Main idea: To provide a deeper understanding of how to approach God through repentance, faith, prayer, worship, and the Holy Spirit.

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Suggestions for moving forward with your sermon on "Coming before God" and accessing Him:

1. Emphasize the importance of repentance: Discuss the significance of repentance as a prerequisite for coming before God. Highlight the need for a humble and contrite heart. Scripture passages to consider: Psalm 51:17, Luke 15:7, Acts 3:19.
2. Explore the role of faith: Explain how faith plays a crucial role in approaching God. Discuss examples from the Bible where individuals demonstrated unwavering faith in their encounters with God. Scripture passages to consider: Hebrews 11:6, Matthew 9:22, Mark 10:52.
3. Discuss the power of prayer: Highlight the effectiveness of prayer as a means of accessing God's presence. Share examples of answered prayers and the impact they had on individuals' lives. Scripture passages to consider: James 5:16, Matthew 7:7-8, Philippians 4:6-7.
4. Examine the concept of worship: Explore different forms of worship and how they can facilitate a deeper connection with God. Discuss the importance of worshiping in spirit and truth. Scripture passages to consider: John 4:23-24, Psalm 95:6, Romans 12:1.

5. Address the role of the Holy Spirit: Explain how the Holy Spirit enables believers to come before God and experience His presence. Discuss the Spirit's role in guiding, convicting, and empowering believers. Scripture passages to consider: John 14:26, Romans 8:26-27, Galatians 5:22-23.

Language suggestions from original languages:

- In Psalm 51:17, the Hebrew word for "contrite" is "dakah," which conveys the idea of being crushed or broken in spirit. Emphasize the need for genuine humility and brokenness before God.
- In John 4:23, the Greek word for "spirit" is "pneuma," which can also be translated as "breath" or "wind." Highlight the importance of worshiping God with our whole being, including our spirit.

Additional Scripture verses to support your point:

- Isaiah 55:6-7: Encourage seeking God while He may be found and turning to Him for forgiveness.
- Hebrews 10:19-22: Discuss the access to God that believers have through the blood of Jesus Christ.
- Ephesians 2:18: Highlight how both Jews and Gentiles have access to the Father through Christ by the Holy Spirit.

Remember to weave these ideas and Scripture passages seamlessly into your existing sermon outline, reinforcing your current points and providing a deeper understanding for your listeners.