

STANDING ON HOLY GROUND.
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Exodus 3:1–6

1 NOW MOSES kept the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock to the back *or* west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb *or* Sinai, the mountain of God.

2 The **Angel of the Lord** appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush burned with fire, yet was not consumed.

3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.

4 And when **the Lord saw that he turned aside to see**, God called to him out of the midst of the bush and said, Moses, Moses! And he said, Here am I.

5 God said, do not come near; put your shoes off your feet, for the place on which you stand is holy ground.

6 Also He said, I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

James 4:8 says,

“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.”

We are to approach God **worshipfully**.

Hebrews 12:28-29-TLV

28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, **let us show gratitude—through this we may offer worship in a manner pleasing to God, with reverence and awe.**

29 For our God is **a consuming fire.**

We are to approach God **cleanly**.

Hebrews 10:22-Passion

...we come closer to God and approach him with an open heart, fully convinced by faith that nothing will keep us at a distance from him. For **our hearts have been sprinkled with blood to remove impurity** and **we have been freed from an accusing conscience** and **now we are clean, unstained, and presentable to God inside and out!**

Psalm 24:3-6-Amplified

3 **Who shall go up into the mountain of the Lord? Or who shall stand in His Holy Place?**

4 **He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted himself up to falsehood or to what is false, nor sworn deceitfully.** [Mat 5:8]

5 He shall receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6 **This is the generation [description] of those who seek Him [who inquire of and for Him and of necessity require Him], who seek Your face.** [O God of] Jacob. Selah [pause, and think of that]!

1John 1:9-AMP

If we [freely] admit that we have sinned and confess our sins, He is faithful and just (true to His own nature and promises) and will forgive our sins [*dismiss our lawlessness*] and **[continuously] cleanse us from all unrighteousness [everything not in conformity to His will in purpose, thought, and action].**

Psalm 100:4-NKJV

Enter into His gates **with thanksgiving**, And into **His courts with praise**. Be thankful to Him, **and bless His name.**

We are to approach God without anything **between us and Him.**

Revelation 3:20-AMP

Behold, **I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears and listens to and heeds My voice and opens the door**, I will come into him and will eat with him, and he [*will eat*] with Me.

Hebrews 4:14-16-AMP

14 Inasmuch then as we have a great High Priest Who has [*already*] ascended *and* passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession [*of faith in Him*].

15 For we do not have a High Priest Who is unable to understand *and* sympathize *and* have a shared feeling with our weaknesses *and* infirmities *and* liability to the assaults of temptation, but One Who has been tempted in every respect as we are, yet without sinning.

16 Let us then fearlessly *and* confidently *and* boldly draw near to the throne of grace (the throne of God's unmerited favor to us sinners), that we may receive mercy [*for our failures*] and find grace to help in good time for every need [*appropriate help and well-timed help, coming just when we need it*].