

"And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them. I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me. I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all my heart and all my soul." (Jeremiah 32:38-41, ESV)

Who is it that the Lord causes to approach HIM? Who is drawn to the Lord?

Sin...any thought, word or deed that breaks God's Law, by not being or doing what God requires, or by doing what God forbids.

Humbly turning to the Lord... **what is humility?**

CJ Mahaney, *"Humility: true greatness"*

"honestly assessing ourselves in light of God's Holiness and our sinfulness"

Andrew Murray, *"Humility: the beauty of Holiness"*; "the sense of entire nothingness, which comes when we see God is all and in which we make way for God to be all"

What interferes with the Lord drawing us to himself?

Pride, "mankind sinfully aspiring to the status and position of God and refusing to acknowledge our dependence upon Him"... CJ Mahaney"

John MacArthur, *Commentary on James* ... choosing to reject God's leadership and rule in our lives by disdainfully and arrogantly supposing ourselves to be above God

Isaiah 57:15

James 4:6

If we will intentionally spend time with God and His Word, **He**

Opens our ears

Opens our eyes

Opens the doors of our hearts to His grace and mercy

Opens our hearts to the spiritual food found in His Word

As we humbly turn to the Lord and feed on His Word, our hearts and our spirits will be revived and our hope will begin to blossom.

Isaiah 57:15

Psalm 65:5

Humbly turn to God—He wants to open your ears, open your eyes, and open the doors of His grace and mercy and to fully satisfy you with His grace and mercy.