

## Go Directly to God by John Piper

*"In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God."* (John 16:26–27)

Don't make God's Son more of a Mediator than he is. Jesus says: "I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf." In other words, I'm not going to insert myself between you and the Father, as though you can't go to him directly. Why? "The Father himself loves you."

This is astonishing. Jesus is warning us not to think of God Almighty as unwilling to receive us directly into his presence. By "directly" I mean what Jesus meant when he said, "I am not going to take your requests to God for you. You may take them directly. He loves you. He wants you to come. He is not angry at you."

It is absolutely true that no sinful human being has any access to the Father except through Jesus's blood (Hebrews 10:19–20). He intercedes for us now (Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25). He is our advocate with the Father now (1 John 2:1). He is our High Priest before the throne of God now (Hebrews 4:15–16). He said, "No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).

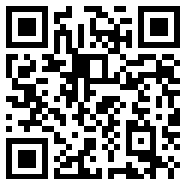
Yes. But Jesus is protecting us from taking his intercession too far. *"I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you."* Jesus is there. He is providing an ever-present, ever-living witness to the removal of the Father's wrath from us.

So, come. Come boldly (Hebrews 4:16). Come expectantly. Come expecting a smile. Come trembling with joy, not dread. Jesus is saying, "I have made a way to God. Now I am not going to get in the way." Come.

### Events

2/1 Small Groups 7:15 PM  
2/4 Men's Prayer 7:30 AM  
2/4 Ladies' Missionary Society 9 AM  
2/4 Julie Nichols' Bridal Shower 11 AM  
2/7 Ladies' Bible Study 10 AM

### Give



### Upcoming Events



## Service Times

- Sunday School 9:30 am
- Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
- Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm



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