

Ecclesiastes 5:1-3 – Watching Your Step on the Way to Worship

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When Solomon refers to the 'house of God' in verse 1, is he speaking *specifically* (the tabernacle, the temple) or *broadly* (any number of places someone may draw near to God in worship)?

What are some common problems with the way that people typically approach the house of God?

Romans 1:21-23 gives us an idea of the condition of man that makes him prone to approach God recklessly. In that passage we see that...

1. The lost _____ God.
2. Though they know God, they choose not to _____ God
3. Darkening their hearts, they became _____, acting like fools
4. They arrogantly claimed to be _____, proving their foolishness, and exchanged the real God for false gods they invented

**Drawing near to the presence of God in worship
should not be done _____!**

Do you guard your steps as you approach the presence of God to give Him worship? How can you better prepare yourself to draw near?

We have nothing to offer to God that He did not first give to us in Christ, so our posture in worship must first be as one who would _____.

Our feet are not the only thing we need to guard when we draw near to God in worship. Verse 2 indicates that we need to be careful about our _____ as well.

Examining our words as we draw near to God:

**Do I use my words to convince others (God included)
of my _____ righteousness?**

**Do I feel compelled to spout everything that
I _____ about God?**

**Do I make _____ of God or try to 'claim' the guarantee
of promises the Lord has not made?**