Scripture: Exodus 20 - 1 Sam. 22:1-8 & Matthew 11:25-30 **Singing:** 279:1-4-123:1-233:1-4-243:1, 2, 4-428:5, 10

Reflections on God's holiness and drawing near to Him

- ➤ Israel felt 'too close to the LORD God as fearful' (Ex. 20:18-19)
- Though holy, God desires to dwell among us (Ex. 24:8, 20-22)
- ➤ 1 Samuel 22:1-2 is our encouragement to draw near to Jesus

COMING TO JESUS

I. Why come to Him II. Who come Him

I. WHY COME TO JESUS?

- A. David's glories are faint reflections of great Son of David
- B. What disfigured David's person and life story, is absent in Jesus!
 - 1. He is fairer than children of men: How? (Ps. 45:2)
 - a. He is so in His delights
 - b. He is so in His abilities
 - c. He is so in His labors
- C. All these are good enough reasons to consider Him worthy of your trust

II. WHO COME TO JESUS?

- A. All who came to David in the cave picture a Gospel truth
 - 1. All heard about David and it drew them to him: John 6:44-45
 - 2. How does God the Father through Spirit draw souls to Jesus?
- B. But are not they that come to Jesus special people?
 - 1. According to Matthew 11:28: laboring and heavy laden
 - 2. According to 1 Sam. 22:2 they sense only needs:
 - a. feel distressed in their need
 - b. feel burdened with debt
 - c. feel discontented in soul
- C. They 'gathered themselves to David' (Matthew 11:28-30)
 - 1. David received them all and became their captain

Closing applications A. Whose company and which King/king do you really prefer?

B. What is God's message to those who prefer to stick to Saul?