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What causes us to remove attitudes and other things, which come before God?

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2. Hope

### 2. Direct Your Heart to the Lord.

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