

Deuteronomy 30:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off.

Analysis

For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off. God's law is accessible - not hidden...neither...far off. This demolishes excuses that God's requirements are too obscure or difficult to discover. He has clearly revealed His will.

The phrase not hidden indicates clarity of revelation. God hasn't concealed His will in mystery cults requiring initiation or esoteric knowledge. His commands are plainly stated for all to understand.

That it is not far off means accessibility - not requiring impossible journeys or extraordinary measures to access. God's word is near, available to the covenant community through teaching and Scripture.

Paul later applies this passage to the gospel (Romans 10:6-8) - the word is near thee, in thy mouth and in thy heart. The accessibility principle extends from law to gospel.

Historical Context

Unlike pagan mystery religions reserving sacred knowledge for privileged initiates, Israel's law was public and accessible. It was read publicly, taught in families, and preserved in Scripture for all generations.

This democratic access to divine revelation distinguished Israel from surrounding cultures where priests monopolized religious knowledge.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. What excuses does the clarity of God's word eliminate?
2. How does public accessibility of Scripture differ from mystery religions?
3. What does 'not far off' teach about God's desire to be known?
4. How does Paul apply this principle to gospel accessibility?
5. Why is democratic access to Scripture important for covenant community?

Interlinear Text

מְצָרָב	אֲנָכִּי	אֲשֶׁר	רְאֵת	בְּמִצְרַיִם	כִּי
H3588	For this commandment		H2063		H6680
		H4687			
לֹא	נִפְלֵאת	הִיא	מִמְךָ	אֵל	וּמְלֵא
H3808	it is not hidden	H1931	H4480	H3808	
thee this day					
H3117	H6381				
רֹחֶק	הַוֹּא				
from thee neither	is it far off	H1931			

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 45:19 (Parallel theme): I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.

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