

# 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

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**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

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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

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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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

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כִּי	הַמִּצְוָה	הַזֹּאת	אֲשֶׁר	אֲנִי	מִצְוֶה
H3588	<b>For this commandment</b>	H2063	H834	H595	<b>which I command</b>
	H4687				H6680
הַיּוֹם	לֹא	נִפְלֵי	הוּא	מִמָּוֶה	וְלֹא
<b>thee this day</b>	H3808	<b>it is not hidden</b>	H1931	H4480	H3808
H3117		H6381			
רְחוֹקָה	הוּא:				
<b>from thee neither is it far off</b>	H1931				
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## Additional Cross-References

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**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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