

SERMON NOTES

GOD IS NOT FAR FROM US

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Key Scripture: Acts 17:27 *“so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;”*

1. In Heaven and on Earth

- Deuteronomy 4:39 – The Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth below.
- Genesis 28:12–13, 15–16 – Jacob’s vision of the ladder; God’s presence is with him.
- Ezekiel 48:35 – “The Lord is there.”

2. In the Tabernacle and in Heaven

- Leviticus 1:1 – The Lord spoke from the Tabernacle.
- Leviticus 26:11–12 – God promises to dwell among His people.
- John 1:14 – The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.
- Exodus 24:16 – The glory of the Lord rested on Mount Sinai.
- Exodus 20:22 – God speaks from heaven.
- Deuteronomy 26:15 – God’s dwelling place in heaven.

3. In the Temple and in Heaven

- 1 Kings 8:10–11 – The glory of the Lord filled the temple.
- 1 Kings 8:27 – Heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain Him.
- 1 Kings 8:30, 32, 34, 43, 45 – Prayers offered toward the temple are heard in heaven.

4. God’s Omnipresence

- Psalm 139:7–12 – No place is beyond God’s presence.
- Psalm 10:1 – Why do You stand far off?
- Psalm 11:4 – The Lord is in His holy temple; His throne is in heaven.
- Habakkuk 2:20 – The Lord is in His holy temple; let the earth be silent.
- Jeremiah 23:23–24 – God fills heaven and earth.
- Matthew 6:9–10 – Pray to the Father in heaven.
- Matthew 16:19 – Authority in heaven and on earth.
- Matthew 18:18–19 – Agreement on earth moves heaven.
- Matthew 28:20 – Jesus is with us always.
- Isaiah 43:2 – God’s presence in trials.