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“High & Nigh”

Anchor Text:

Luke 2:10-14 (KJV) *And the angel said unto them, “Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.”*

1. JESUS IS GOD MOST HIGH

Isaiah 55:9 (NLT) *“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts higher than your thoughts, declares the Lord.”*

Key Thought: God’s ways and thoughts are infinitely higher than ours.

Illustration:

Light travels 186,000 miles/second. In the snap of a finger, it circumnavigates Earth six times. Galaxies are 15.5 billion light-years away, yet God compares that distance to the gap between our thoughts and His thoughts.

Isaiah 40:28 (NIV) *“The LORD is the everlasting God... His understanding no one can fathom.”*

Ephesians 3:20 (CSB) *“Now to Him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us.”*

2. JESUS IS GOD MOST NIGH

Matthew 1:23 (NLT) *“She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’”*

Key Thought: Jesus is not just Most High; He is Most Nigh – always near.

Encouragement:

If you are:

- **Discouraged**: Look within. ¹

Illustration: George Whitefield's humility (false accusations).

- **Distracted**: Look around.

Illustration: The lion tamer's stool – distraction paralyzes.

- **Disappointed**: Look back.

Illustration: Paderewski playing alongside "Chopsticks." God whispers: "Keep going; don't quit."

- **Dismayed**: Look ahead.

Illustration: The repeated sermon – live the message before expecting something new.

If you want to be delivered, look to Jesus

Psalm 145:18 (KJV) *"The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him..."*

James 4:8 (NLT) *"Come close to God, and God will come close to you..."*

Ezekiel 36:26 (NLT) *"I will give you a new heart... and take out your stony, stubborn heart."*

Key Takeaway:

- Jesus is both God Most High and God Most Nigh.
- Draw near to Him, and He will draw near to you.

¹ Modified from: Zuck, R. B. The Speaker's Quotebook. (Grand Rapids; Kregel Publications). P. 115