

Blessing Is in the AIR

vs. 23 “*Roman God’s*”

“Paul stood in Athens and said, ‘In HIM we live, and move, and have our being.’ GOD is nearer than we realize. Long before Paul, Moses stood before a people he was about to leave and said, ‘The word is VERY nigh unto thee’—near enough to speak, near enough to take into your heart, near enough to obey.

Then, years after Athens, Paul picked up Moses’ words and said, ‘The word is nigh thee’... and he pointed them to faith in JESUS.”

Paul in Athens: GOD is *not far from every one of us*. Every breath, every movement, our very being depends on HIM. That’s Acts 17. Notice the verse says “live, and move”—“breathe” captures the thought, but it isn’t the word Paul uses there.

Acts 17:27-28

27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

28 ***For in Him we live, and move, and have our being;***

as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

Romans 10:8 (*kjv*)

“But what saith it? ***The word is nigh thee***, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach.”

Paul writing to Rome: Years after Athens, Paul reaches back to Moses’ words: “The word is nigh thee.” Then he tells his readers what he is preaching—the word of faith concerning JESUS, to be believed in the heart and confessed with the mouth (Romans 10:8–10).

Deuteronomy 30:14 (*kjv*)

“But **the word is very nigh unto thee,** in thy mouth, and in thy heart,
that thou mayest do it.”

Moses at the Jordan: If GOD is that near, then listen to what Moses tells Israel before they go on without him: HIS word is “very nigh unto thee.” They have heard it. It is in their mouths and hearts, “that thou mayest do it.” Moses’ appeal moves from nearness to a choice: “*therefore choose life*” (Deuteronomy 30:19).

Deuteronomy 30:19 (*kjv*)

19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: **therefore choose life,** that both thou and thy seed may live:

So a simple way to lead it might be:
That brings us right to Paul and Romans 10:9–10.