

When God Seems Far Away (resisting deism)

Intro. - Messages from “space” (Apollo 8, 11 and 15)

A) Understanding deism –“A belief in a God who created the universe but does not intervene in it”

B) Churches at risk –

Ephesus – Rev.2:1-6 – The “distance of stoical faith”

“Remember, repent, do”

Laodicea – Rev.3:14-20 – The “distance of complacency”

“Open the door”

C) The Lord’s table – A place for renewal

1) A place for taking _____

2) A place to bring a _____ (Heb.13:15)

3) A place for “communion” (fellowship, sharing) with _____ and _____ (I Cor. 10:16-17, Rev.3:20)

4) A place to look _____ (Rev. 22:7, 12, 20)

When distance brought closeness - Buzz Aldrin and James Irwin

re-discovered Psalm 139:7-12.