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Acts 17 : 14 – 34

“TO THE UNKNOWN GOD”

Unknown

‘agnostos’ – unknown

neg - ‘gnostos’ – well known, acquaintance

God

‘theos’ – a deity; a god or goddess, the Godhead trinity

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16 – 20 : Scene

Athens, Greece at the Areopagus (Roman - Mars Hill)

Was the highest court in Athens. Areopagus was the council of elders of the city, similar to the Roman Senate

21 – 22 : The Attitude of the Athenians

Desired to Know

Very Religious/Superstitious

‘deisidaimonesteros’ - more religious than others; in a bad sense – superstitious

23 – 34 : What Paul told them

Something new - the Unknown God

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This God created everything.

Genesis 1 : 1 – 2

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...”

Isaiah 42 : 5

“...Who created the heavens...”

This God gave life to man, not the other way around.

Genesis 2 : 7

“...the Lord...formed man...breathed...the breath of life...”

Isaiah 42 : 5

“...Who gives breath to the people...”

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This God does not dwell in man made temples

The Greeks built temples to their gods, not as a worship place but as a home for their gods to dwell.

1 Kings 8 : 27

“... Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You...”

Acts 7 : 48 – 50

This God is Lord

‘kurios’ – supreme in authority, that is, controller

Deuteronomy 10 : 14

“...belong to the LORD your God...”

Matthew 11 : 25

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This God can be sought and found

Matthew 7 : 7 – 8

“...seek, and you will find...”

Romans 1 : 20

“...His invisible attributes are...seen, being understood...”

This God is not far from us

Psalms 139 : 7 – 8

“Where can I go...? You are there...You are there.”

Jeremiah 23 : 23 – 24

“...near at hand...and not far off?”

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This God does not need us, we are His Creation/Offspring

An idol needs its maker to exist. Our God does not need us to exist.

Genesis 1 : 26 – 27

“Let us make man in Our image...”

Ephesians 2 : 10

“For we are His workmanship...”

How then can we liken God?

Isaiah 40 : 18 – 20

“To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare to Him?”

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Paul's conclusion?

There is a day of reckoning with this God, repent now

Acts 10 : 42

“...if is He who was...to be Judge...”

Hebrews 9 : 27

“...the judgment.”

Through the Resurrection we are given assurance

Acts 2 : 22 – 24

“...having loosed the pains of death...”