



GOSPEL IMPACT

WHEN IT PUTS EVERYTHING IN PERSPECTIVE

ACTS 17:22-29

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1. Don't _____ (vv.22-23)

2. Let _____ (vv.24-25)

3. Accept _____ (vv.26-28)

4. Never _____ (v.29)

Acts 17:22 So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. **23** For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. **24** The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, **25** nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. **26** And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, **27** that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, **28** for "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we are indeed his offspring." **29** Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. (ESV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Psalm 19:1-6**; **Acts 14:17** and **Romans 1:19-23**. Atheists and agnostics claim that if there is a God he has "hidden himself." How can you testify to the truth of these texts and the way they rightly shift the responsibility?
2. Read **Hebrews 1:1-3**. In what way does the coming of Christ and the proliferation of the record of his work make clear God's desire to clearly communicate?
3. Read **John 1:1-14**. How does the inclusion of verse 3 serve to drive home the urgency and importance of responding to what God has been working to communicate to you and the rest of the world?
4. Read **Psalm 96:1-9**. In what ways does this passage motivate you to not only rightly respond to all that God has revealed in his word, but to also be one who relays and amplifies it to others?
5. Read **Job 40:1-14**. Why would you say humility is essential to rightly understand, process, and incorporate the truths that we read in the Bible regarding our Creator and Savior?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

- Msg. 19-09 – **Reflections of Majesty**
- Msg. 19-16 – **Credit Where Credit Is Due**
- Msg. 14-51 – **Human Origins**
- Msg. 13-04 – **The Gospel's Assault on the Egocentric**
- Msg. 21-26 – **Amazed by God's Power**
- Msg. 12-16 – **When God Speaks**
- Msg. 07-13 – **Boldly Trusting in God's Ability to Create**

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Feb. 5 th	Ex.37-38 & Mt.23:23-39
Feb. 6 th	Ex.39-40 & Mt.24:1-22
Feb. 7 th	Lev.1-3 & Mt.24:23-51
Feb. 8 th	Lev.4-6 & Mt.25:1-30
Feb. 9 th	Lev.7-9 & Mt.25:31-46
Feb. 10 th	Lev.10-12 & Mt.26:1-19
Feb. 11 th	Lev.13 & Mt.26:20-54
Feb. 12 th	Lev.14 & Mt.26:55-75

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

- Charnock, Stephen. **The Existence and Attributes of God**. Reprint. Baker Books, 1996.
- Faulkner, Danny. **The New Astronomy Book**. Master Books, 2014.
- Frank, Arnold L. **The Fear of God: A Forgotten Doctrine**. Second Edition. Nordskog Publishing, 2008.
- Gillen, Alan L. **Body by Design: An Anatomy & Physiology of the Human Body**. Master Books, 1992.
- Griffiths, Jonathan. **God Alone: His Unique Attributes and How Knowing Them Changes Us**. Moody, 2023.
- Humphreys, D. Russell. **Starlight and Time: Solving the Puzzle of Distant Starlight in a Young Universe**. MB, 1994.
- Kaiser, Walter Jr. **Toward an Old Testament Theology**. Zondervan, 1978.
- Lennox, John C. **God and Stephen Hawking: Whose Design Is It Anyway?** Lion UK, 2011.
- Meade, Starr. **God's Mighty Acts in Creation**. Crossway, 2010.
- Morris, John D. **The Geology Book**. Master Books, 2014.
- Packer, J. I. **Knowing God**. InterVarsity Press, 1973.
- Phillips, J. B. **Your God Is Too Small**. Touchstone Books, 1997.
- Pink, Arthur W. **The Attributes of God**. Baker Books, 1975.