



AN EARLIER ON-RAMP Acts 17:22-34 (ESV) Dr. Gary Hylander

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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.



God Is The Creator
 Of The Universe. (24)

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,



God Is The Provider
 Of All Life. (25)

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.

God Is The Ruler
Of All Nations. (26-28)

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."





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God Is The Source
 Of The Resurrection. (29-31)

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. ³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

God Is The Focus
 Of All Responses. (32-34)

³² Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, "We will hear you again about this." ³³ So Paul went out from their midst. ³⁴ But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.





