

## **“An Awesome God”**

He is still Unknown to Many!

Acts 17:24-34

Introduction: Isn't it crazy that Athens had a statue of the Unknown God?! Or is it? Perhaps they had it right. Perhaps we are in the dark about who God is and what He is about. The passage today gives us an outline of what we should explore about God so that He will not be unknown to Us.

*We need to know the :*

### **I. Character of God** – “in righteousness” (vs 23-31)

We can choose:

#### **A. Fantasy** – “ignorantly worship”, Religion V. 24-25, 27-28

- **Attempt to contain God in temples made w/hands – shows intention to restrict Him**
- **Attempt to Do for God as though He needs You, He wants worship/obedience more than sacrifice**
- **Attempt to Complicate the path to God, As though it is a long way to go. No, God is not far from You. Simply humble ourselves because we are in the sight of God.**

#### **B. Fact** – “that made the world”, Reality v. 24-27,

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- **He is Creator God**
  - **He is Good**
- **He is Sustainer God**
  - **He is Good**
- **He is Alive and has Made man in his own image. All men equal.**
- **He is limitless in space, knowledge, power**
  - **He does what needs doing – Rom. 8:28; I Thes. 5:24**
  - **His Word will work for you - II Tim 3:16**
  - **He will draw near to you as you draw near to Him -- James 4:8**
- **He is the judge of all men. The resurrected Jesus is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.**

### **II. Communication from God** – “given assurance” (vs 27-34)

We often ignore the :

#### **A. Commands** – “now commandeth all men”

##### **1. Seek**

\* **Things to do:**

- > **Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, mind, and soul**
- > **Love your neighbor as yourself**
- > **Preach the gospel to every creature**
- > **Take up your cross and follow Jesus**
- > **To Glorify God**

##### **2. Repent**

- > **For all have sinned and come short**
- > **Forgive others as God forgives you**
- > **Love not the world neither the things of this world**

> Do not let sin reign in your body

## **B. Consequences – “He will judge the world”**

### **➤ A Day of Judgement**

- **By Jesus Christ**
- **Based on Our Response**
  - **Some Mocked**
  - **Some Delayed**
  - **Some Believed**
    - **Dionysius-member of the court**
    - **Damaris-a woman**