

## Athens: Worshipping the Unknown (Acts 17:22-28) 8/31/25

### Review

Notes on [Athens](#):

David Peterson notes that three things about 1<sup>st</sup> century Athens are identified in [vv. 16-21](#) to set the scene for Paul's speech that follows:

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the masses
2. The high value placed on \_\_\_\_\_ by the philosophical schools
3. The preoccupation of all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there with the latest \_\_\_\_\_

They took Paul to the Areopagus, which functioned as a \_\_\_\_\_ that had jurisdiction over \_\_\_\_\_ and philosophical matters.

A \_\_\_\_\_ teaching was something they had never seen or experienced before.

### Religious, but Ignorant of the True God (vv. 22-23)

Notes on Paul's circumstances standing on the [Areopagus](#):

[observe \(theoreo\)](#) =

[very religious in all respects \(deisidaimon\)](#) =

Paul was wise to use this desire to please the gods and know what is \_\_\_\_\_, to point them to the one, true God and His \_\_\_\_\_ of what is moral/right.

[unknown \(agnostos\)](#) =

Paul is basically saying that by their own \_\_\_\_\_, they realize there are gods existing for which they have no \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul is not announcing a \_\_\_\_\_ religion; he was simply announcing the religion about which they were \_\_\_\_\_!

## How the True God Is Unlike Idols (vv. 24-26)

Paul introduces "\_\_\_\_\_" God; the one and only, true God.

[made \(poieo\)](#) =

Paul asserts that the God he proclaims \_\_\_\_\_ the earth and everything that is in it. Further, He is the Sovereign \_\_\_\_\_, the Lord over the heavens and the earth.

Cross references:

God is completely \_\_\_\_\_ of man.

God, the sovereign, \_\_\_\_\_ of all beings, cannot be contained in a structure fashioned by His \_\_\_\_\_ out of elements He Himself made!

God cannot be \_\_\_\_\_, limited, or controlled by men.

God has no \_\_\_\_\_ that we are designed to fulfill.

All humankind comes from one \_\_\_\_\_.

God exercises His sovereignty even over where man \_\_\_\_\_.

## Man's Personal Accountability to Seek God (vv. 27-28)

Wherever God has \_\_\_\_\_ any person, it is incumbent upon him to seek out his \_\_\_\_\_, Ruler, and Sustainer.

[that they might grope for \(pselaphao\)](#) =

God is \_\_\_\_\_ to every man, so that every man is without \_\_\_\_\_.

Every man owes his very \_\_\_\_\_ to God, and therefore ought to \_\_\_\_\_ to know Him.