

10 QUESTIONS ABOUT GOD

The following questions are developed to help us better understand the Bible. The format is simple: read the passage and then answer the question. The questions are designed to get people thinking and do not require detailed answers.

(1) Psalm 19:1-4

How might looking at the sky help someone believe in God?

(2) Acts 14:15-17

How might looking at the seasons help someone believe in God?

(3) Hebrews 11:1-3

What role does faith play in understanding that God created the world?

(4) Hebrews 11:6

Why is it important to believe in God and seek Him in life?

(5) Psalm 50:9-12

How might knowing God owns everything change the way you see your life and what you have?

(6) Exodus 34:6-7

How does God's description of Himself reveal His mercy, grace, justice?

(7) 1 John 4:8

How does this passage describe God and how does this description shape your understanding of Him?

(8) Psalm 145:8-9

Have you ever experienced God's kindness and compassion in your life?

(9) 2 Peter 3:9

What is the end goal of God's patience?

(10) Jeremiah 29:11

Do you believe God has a plan and purpose for your life?

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PAUL AT THE AREOPAGUS OF ATHENS

Paul's sermon on Mars Hill offers timeless truths about God's desire to be known, understood, and embraced. He challenged the pagan beliefs of his audience by declaring that the world is the direct creation of an eternal, self-sustaining God and that humanity is intentionally created by Him. The universe's complexity points to God as its Creator, Ruler, and Sustainer. Paul emphasized that God does not dwell in temples made by human hands and needs nothing from creation,

as He is self-sufficient. Instead of revealing Himself directly, God provides tools—through creation, Scripture, and conscience—to help us seek Him. Paul also reminded his listeners that their existence is purposeful and God-ordained. However, they must prioritize God above all, recognizing that His patience will eventually give way to judgment, as affirmed by Jesus' resurrection. The key for the Athenians was to repent and turn to the Way of Jesus.

ACTS 17:22-34

“Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and have our

being, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’ Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man’s devising. Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.” And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, “We will hear you again on this matter.” So Paul departed from among them. However, some men joined him and believed, among them Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them.”

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QUESTIONS FROM THE TEXT

What did Paul observe about the people of Athens?

How do you think the people around you would describe your beliefs?

What specific object does Paul mention at the beginning of his speech?

Is it possible to devote time, energy, and resources to practices that seem spiritual or religious but miss the true essence of knowing and following God? If so, how might this look?

How does Paul describe God in relation to temples made with human hands?

If God is not confined to specific places, how might this change the way we think about worship?

What does Paul say is the reason God determined when and where people live?

How does knowing God put you in this time in history influence your sense of purpose in life?

Who will judge the world and how did God give assurance that this will happen?

How does the coming judgment shape the way you live? Are there changes you need to take to better reflect your hope and faith in Jesus?

ENCOUNTER GOD

God is not distant but deeply involved in your life. He’s already present, waiting for you to reach out to Him. Let us know how we can help.

KNOW GOD

The world as we know it was the direct creation of an eternal, self-sustaining, and personal God (Ac. 17:24-25; Gen. 1:1; Rev. 4:11).

Similarly, humankind is the direct result of God creating the first family, Adam and Eve (Ac. 17:26a; Gen. 3:20; Deut. 32:8).

The predictability and complexity of the universe and living beings all point us to this world’s creator, ruler, and sustainer (Ac. 17:27-28; 14:15-17; Rom. 1:19-20; 2:15).

UNDERSTAND GOD

God does not dwell in temples made with hands (Ac. 17:24). No temple can contain God, let alone one built by man (1 Kg. 8:27; Ps. 139:7-10).

God does not need anything from creation (Ac. 17:25). God owns everything and does not need anything from His creation (Ps. 50:9-12; Rom. 11:35-36).

God does not reveal Himself directly. Instead, He gives us tools to help us focus (Ac. 17:27; cp. Ps. 19:1-4; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Rom. 2:14-15).

TURN TO GOD

Your existence at this point in history is no accident; God has a purpose for you (Ac. 17:26-27; Jer. 29:11; Eph. 2:10; Heb. 11:6).

If we have "things" in life that we put above God or in the place of God, we would do well to trust God and His way (Ac. 17:29-30; Ex. 20:3-4; Mt. 6:33).

God is patient, but one day his patience will run out; Jesus' resurrection confronts all people who've ever lived with either blessing or punishment (Ac. 17:31-32; Jn. 5:28-29; 2 Pet. 3:8-9).