



Power From on High

Series: Power From On High
Title: The Unknown God, Part 3
Lesson: 92

Text: Acts 17:24-34
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Three missions opportunities this year.

1. Disaster React team - Sometime later this year
2. Trip to Belize - October 28, 2025 - November 4
3. State Missions Trip to Pennsylvania - March 23-29

Acts 17:22 So Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I observe that you are very religious in all respects. 23 “For while I was passing through and examining the objects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription, ‘TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.’ Therefore what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you.

A model of evangelism for the unchurched:

1. **Avoid criticism at the start.**
2. **Find common ground to build on.**
3. **Contextualize our approach.**

Contextualization is the strategy of modifying our approach of evangelism in a specific context without compromising the gospel itself.

Four descriptions of God:

A. God as _____

23a Therefore what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you. 24 “The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands;

(1) _____ reveals God

Romans 1:19–20 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.

“within them” = _____

“to them” = _____

20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been **clearly seen**, being understood through what has been made, so that they are **without excuse**.

Psalm 19:1 The heavens are telling of the glory of God;
And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.

Godwit

Atlas moth

Leafhoppers

Assassin Bug

Stick bug

Anglerfish

Proboscis Monkey

Tarsler

**Devotional - “Have you Considered”, Evidence
beyond a reasonable doubt**

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**Two apologetic approaches to introducing unbelievers
to their Creator.**

**1. The _____ of
creation contradicts random chance.**

Psalm 94:9 He who planted the ear, does He not
hear? He who formed the eye, does He not see?

**To argue that life came from dead matter is
simply _____.**

2. Every effect must have a _____.

24a. does not dwell in temples made with hands;

B. God is _____ and

25 nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things;

C. God is sovereign over _____

26 and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation,

“one man” -

27 that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

28 for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we also are His children.’ 29 “Being then the children of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and thought of man.

D. God is _____

4. Give the _____.

30 “Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent,

“now”

“all people everywhere”

31 because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.”

32 Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some began to sneer, but others said, “We shall hear you again concerning this.” 33 So Paul went out of 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.

Lydia (16:14-15)

A few prominent women in Thessalonica (17:4)

A number of prominent Greek women in Berea (17:12)

Implication

**Creation evangelism _____ and
_____ over diverse
world-views and religious beliefs.**

Discussion Guide

1. Why is creation such a powerful way to witness to the unchurched?
2. Today we learned of eight examples of God's creation. Can you think of other examples you might share with others?
3. What are the three responses we can expect from our witnessing?
4. What is the most important insight you have gained from our study of Acts 17:16-34

ANSWERS: Creator, Nature, Conscience, General Revelation, design, illogical, cause, provider, sustainer, man, Redeemer, gospel, bypasses, triumphs