**“The Unknown God”**

There are many cultures who worship unknown and false gods. It is our responsibility when the opportunity arises. To reveal the one true God (Father, Son, & Holy Spirit). Let’s Get Into The Word!

**Scripture Reading: Exodus 20:1-6 (NKJV) says this,** “20 And God spoke all these words, saying: 2 “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 “You shall have no other gods before Me. 4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. **For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God,** **visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, 6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.**

**Call To Praise & Worship: Psalm 34:1-3 (NKJV) says this,** “34 I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. 2 My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; The humble shall hear of it and be glad. 3 Oh, magnify the Lord with me, And let us exalt His name together.

**Acts 17:15-34 (NKJV) says this,** “15 So those who conducted Paul brought him to Athens; and receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him with all speed, they departed. 16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, **his spirit was provoked within him when he saw that the city was given over to idols.**

**Idol –** Is an image or representation of a god used as an object of worship.

**Provoked** - To stir up, arouse or become irritated.

17 Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the Gentile worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there.

Notice that the Apostle Paul didn’t walk or shy away from this opportunity. To minister the truth when he was provoked in the spirit. Rather, he began to reason with the people about their idol worship. In hopes to persuade them about the one true God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit). Therefore, when we have opportunity we should be bold and do the same. Amen!

**18 Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him.** And some said, **“What does this babbler want to say?”** Others said, **“He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods,” because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection.** 19 And they took him and brought him to the **Areopagus**, saying, “May we know what this new doctrine is of which you speak? 20 For you are bringing some strange things to our ears. Therefore we want to know what these things mean.” 21 For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing.

The Areopagus is a hilltop where philosophers debate, but it's also where city officials hold trials for murder and crimes against public order. Legend says the first trial was against Ares for the murder of Poseidon's son—"Areopagus" is Greek for Ares's Hill; the Roman is Mars's Hill (more commonly, Mars Hill).

22 Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; 23 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: 24 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. 25 Nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. **26 And He has made from one blood** (Adam & Eve) **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,** 27 so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him (God the Son) and find Him (God the Son), though He (God the Son) is not far from each one of us; **28 for in Him** (God the Son) **we live and move and have our being,** as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’ 29 Therefore, since we are the offspring of God (Father, Son & Holy Spirit) we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like **gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man’s devising.** **30 Truly, these times of ignorance God** (God the Father) **overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,** 31 because He (God the Father) has appointed a day on which He (God the Father) will judge the world in righteousness by the Man (God the Son) whom He has ordained. He (God the Father) has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead (Talking about Jesus).” 32 And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, **some mocked, while others said, “We will hear you again on this matter.”** 33 So Paul departed from among them. **34 However, some men joined him and believed, among them Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them.**

Unfornately, we live in a world of idol worshippers. The truth concerning Jesus’s crucification, burial, resurrection for mankind sins and redemption. Will seem foreign for idol worshippers and some will even mock the truth about Jesus. However, we should always like the Apostle Paul try to minister the truth. With hopes that some would listen and turn to the Lord. As some did when the Apostle Paul preached in his generation. Remember, that there is a judgement coming to this world. For this reason, we should never shy away from the truth about Jesus. For salvation is in him alone. Amen!

I Love You, Be Blessed!

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