

Greater by Far

Acts 17:16-34

1st Order Questions:

2nd Order Questions

A big mistake: Answering ___ Order Questions with ___ Order Answers

Background for this Passage

The Apostle Paul: Missionary in the Roman Empire

Telling people the _____ of Jesus Christ

Usually speaking to _____,
as well as Gentiles who had adopted _____ beliefs
Sermons showed Jesus as the fulfillment
of the promises of _____

Repeatedly attacked by some of the Jews

Ended up in _____ as a place of safety

Left traveling companions in _____

Now encountering a thoroughly _____ setting

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16-21: Paul challenged Athenians about _____

Seemingly: _____ ministry
_____ by extensive idolatry
A great distance from true _____ of God
Passion for God's _____ and people's _____ of it

Ministry in 2 contexts: synagogue & _____

He challenged the _____ about idols

Athens: place of endless _____

22-23: Paul in Areopagus: the answer for their _____

Started his bridge in _____ world
"_____ God" became his basis for conversation

Opened the door for a _____

24-31: God is _____ of all, not a _____ of human artistry

Biblical ideas in "_____ clothing"
The _____ of humanity can't be less than humanity
The _____ of human history is greater than it
Purpose: that all would _____ God
God is not _____ from anyone

The _____ of human history will judge it

All people everywhere _____ to turn to God

Jesus Christ is the _____ and _____ over all

32-34: Responses: mocking, "interest", or genuine belief

No evidence of starting a _____ there

Yet some _____ people became Christians

The Big Idea:

**God is the _____, _____, and _____
of all human and natural history**

**Therefore... God is to be worshiped and _____
_____ and _____ and _____ everything else**

Application: _____ God!

Internal life (head & heart)

_____ : deep, genuine belief

We _____ nothing to God

He has no _____ of us at all and He owes us nothing

He is "high" beyond comprehension

Yet...

He has given us His _____

Invites us into _____ with Him

His _____ lives within His children

He is amazingly patient and kind with our continued _____

See, understand, and _____ His overwhelming and
unfathomable glory

Guard our hearts against...

longing _____ for other things

looking down on others, as though we are '_____' like God

External life (hands)

_____ : deep recognition of our lack of glory before His glory

Unhesitating and enthusiastic _____ (obedience)

before the wisdom and glory and _____ of God

Be passionate for the glory of God

In ourselves: fight against _____ in all its forms

The world around us: point people

to the true and unsurpassable glory of _____

Be deeply disturbed (_____) where worship of God
is displaced by anything else

John 17:3

Reflection

- How do you genuinely view God in relation to yourself, to other people, and to the joys and trials of life? What helps you worship His greatness?