



The Turn God Is Waiting For!

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Scripture: Acts 17:29-31; *New International Version (NIV)*

Supporting Scripture: Hebrews 12:16-17

Part#2: To Show What God Has Done

Context: This week's lesson takes us to Luke-Acts. Luke provides a basic framework of Paul's second missionary journey in Acts 15:36 -18:22. More than a geographical tour, this journey was an expansion of the Gospel. Paul, along with Silas, Timothy, and Luke joining him through portions of the journey, traveled through Philippi (16:11-40), Thessalonica (17:1-9), Berea (17: 10-15), Athens (17:16-31), and Corinth (18:1-22).

In our message today, our concentration is on Paul's time in Athens. The apostle engages a culture of philosophy and idolatry led by the Epicureans and Stoics who were among the leading schools of philosophers. The Epicureans were materialists, believing everything came from atoms or particles of matter. On the other hand, the Stoics believed that the ultimate divine principle was to be found in all of nature; they put a great stock on self-sufficiency.¹ But when Paul stood before the philosophers, he used the opportunity to proclaim the identity of the One True God and humanity's responsibility to respond to Him.

Paul's sermon can be divided into five couplets: Verses 22-23 introduce the ignorance of the pagan worship. Verses 24-25 present the true object of worship, the Creator God, and the folly of idolatrous worship. Verses 26-27 deal with the true relationship of human beings to their Creator.²

In our thesis verses 29-31, there are three truths that allows "those who are offsprings of God," to understand: **repentance is not an invitation, repentance is a command by God.**

Beloved, when God commands repentance, our willingness to respond is an act of obedience.

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It Is Visible

²⁹ "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—
an image made by human design and skill.

It Is Decisive

³⁰ In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent.

It Is A Seismic Shift

³¹ For He has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by the man He has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising Him from the dead."

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¹ John B. Polhill. *The American Commentary: An Exegetical and Theological Exposition of Holy Scripture*. Acts, Vol. 26. (TN: Broadman Press, 1992), 366.

² Ibid., 370.