

**Living Water Part 35**  
**Acts 17:16-34**

**The Title Of The Message: “Making God Known”**

**The Key Word: Provoked**

**The Thought: The Christian is concerned for people who are going to hell, and does the work of an evangelist.**

**The Breakdown:**

**Verses 16-21 God Above Philosophers...**

**Verses 22-28 The God Of All Creation...**

**Verses 29-34 The Incomparable God...**

**Verses 16-21 God Above Philosophers...**

**Acts 17:16-17**

**Now while Paul waited...**

**His spirit was provoked within him...**

**Haggai 1:2–11**

**Therefore...**

**Acts 17:18**

**Then certain Epicurean...**

**1 Corinthians 10:31 (NKJV) Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.**

**‘Man’s chief end is to glorify God and enjoy him forever.’  
-Westminster Catechism**

**Stoic philosophers...**

**What does this babbler want to say?**

**“Babbler” Literally “A collector of scraps” or “A peddler of assorted ideas”**

**Acts 17:19-21**

**And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus...**

**Areopagus the “Court or Council of Ares”**

**“Greek god of thunder and war”**

**“Roman’s” change name to “Mars”**

**“Mars Hill”**

**“for you are bringing something strange to our ears.”**

**“This is a striking feature of the city of London in the present day. The itch for news, which generally argues a worldly, shallow, or unsettled mind, is wonderfully prevalent: even ministers of the Gospel, negligent of their sacred function, are become in this sense Athenians; so that the book of God is neither read nor studied with half the avidity and spirit as a newspaper...It is no wonder if such become political preachers, and their sermons be no better than**

**husks for swine. To such the hungry sheep look up, and are not fed.”  
-Adam Clarke**

**Verses 22-28 The God Of All Creation...**

**Acts 17:22**

**Men of Athens...**

**“Theophrastus says, that a truly pious man is a friend of God; but the superstitious man is a flatterer of God.” -Matthew pool**

**John 15:14–15 (NKJV) 14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.**

**Acts 17:23**

**For as I was passing through...**

**Acts 17:24-25**

**God, who made the world and everything in it...**

**1st God differentiated Himself from His creation**

**2nd the goodness of God through His provision.**

**God is the source of every good and perfect gift James 1:17, He gave us life and He sustains that life by His goodness Matthew 5:45, It is the goodness of God that should lead men to repentance Romans 2:4, But instead of worshiping the Creator and glorifying Him, men worship His creation and glorify themselves Romans 1:18–25.**

**-Warren Wiersbe**

**Acts 17:26-28**

**And He has made from one blood...**

**3rd God is ruler over all.**

**"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.'**

**Ephesians 4:4-6**

**Verses 29-34 The Incomparable God...**

**Acts 17:29**

**Therefore, since we are the offspring of God...**

**Genesis 1:27 (NKJV) So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.**

**Acts 17:30-31**

**Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked...**

**4th The grace of God**

**Romans 5:6 (NKJV) For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.**

**Acts 17:32-34**

**And when they heard...**

**1 John 3:2 (NKJV) Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.**

**Some mocked...**

**2 Peter 3:9 (NKJV) The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.**

**Application:**

- 1. Have you been numbed by the normalization of wickedness so that your spirit is not provoked by it?**
- 2. When our spirit is provoked, then we can show spiritual people, the unknown God.**
- 3. The Times ignorance to sin are over, and God calls on all people to repent.**