

## THE INTELLIGENTSIA BEFORE THE INESCAPABLE GOD

*Acts 17:16-34 // May 22, 2022 AM*

I. You have an inescapable knowledge of God (vv. 16-23).

II. You have an inescapable relationship with God (vv. 24-29).

III. You have an inescapable responsibility before God (vv. 30-34).

### QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What happens in Paul's heart as he sees all the idols in Athens? What does that lead him to do?
2. Why does Paul call these philosophers "very religious"? Can that be said of all people, even atheists today?
3. Read Romans 1:18-25. How does this shed light on Paul's preaching to the Athenians?
4. What truths does Paul proclaim about God in his sermon to the Athenians? Why?
5. Who is going to judge the world at the end of history? According to Paul, how should we respond in light of that reality?
6. Should we be intimidated by really smart people or fear that they are beyond the reach of God's grace and truth? Why, or why not?

### QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. What encouragement can I draw from Paul's example in Athens as I seek to reach out to people in my life who do not respect the Bible?
2. What are some ways unbelievers in my life reveal that they do indeed have an innate knowledge of God? How can that religious impulse become a springboard for sharing the truth with them?
3. Do I cower before the intellectual elites or recognize they are mere creatures dependent at every point upon the entirely independent Creator?