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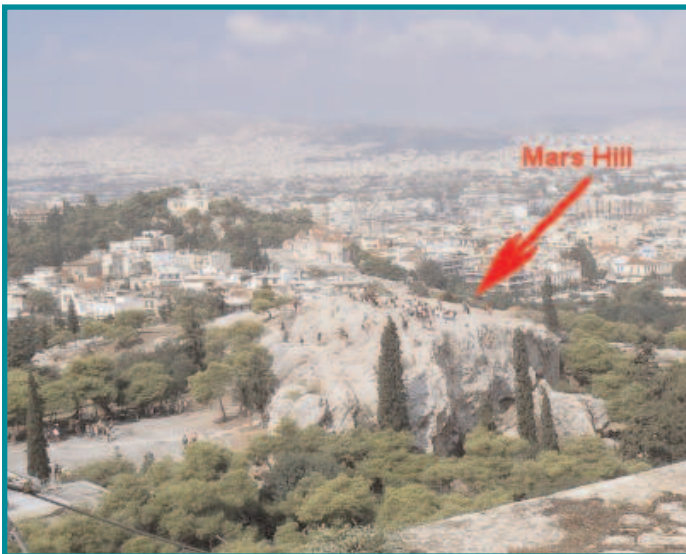
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This sermon was inspired by our trip to Athens, Greece 2006

When the Apostle Paul was on his second missionary tour, he came to Athens and found a city full of idols and his spirit was provoked within him. It was often said that it was easier to find a god in Athens than to find a man. They had an idol for any kind of religion and a few of them were idols to any unseen gods they may have missed. So Paul reasoned in the synagogue and marketplace every day with any and all who met him.

The Epicurean and Stoic philosophers met him, and some said, "What would this babler say?" Others said, "He seems to be a setter forth of strange gods because he preached Jesus and the resurrection." Neither one of these philosophies believed in the resurrection from the dead, and the Epicurean philosophy could be summed up in the phrase, 'eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die'. Paul agreed with that part of it as he quoted them in 1st Corinthians 15:32, "If there is no resurrection, let us eat and drink for tomorrow we die." Otherwise, Paul did not have much respect for their philosophy as he said in

Colossians 2:8, "Take heed lest there be anyone that makes spoil of you through his philosophy and vain deceit, after the traditions of men, and not after Christ."

So the city fathers brought Paul up to Mars Hill and told him, "We would know more of this teaching which is spoken of thee for thou bringest strange to our ears and we would know therefore what these things mean." It seems strange they would be offended by Paul as a setter forth of strange gods, when they had an altar for every god and religion anyway. So what's the big deal? It was ever thus even today. It is obvious that some churches may have teaching contrary to the Word of God; but like the altars of ancient Athens, what difference does it make? One religious persuasion is as good as another, until someone like Peter and Paul comes along with the message of the unknown God.

A few years ago I recited Paul's sermon on Mars Hill to a modern audience. It only takes a few minutes to preach the same sermon Paul preached almost two thousand years ago, and it is obviously an outline of the original message. So if we follow Paul's outline, the following are some of the thoughts that Paul expressed that day when the wise men of Athens said he was a setter forth of strange doctrine.

GOD MADE THE WORLD

First, he complimented them as being very religious, and then said, he even found an altar that honored THE UNKNOWN GOD. Then he informed them that since they did not know this unknown God, he would tell them about Him.

Paul told them this unknown God did not dwell in a temple made with hands, like the gods they knew; and at that moment the audience could turn their heads and see a short distance away the greatest pagan temple of ancient days, known as the Parthenon where the female goddess Athena was worshiped.

Then Paul could have told them the unknown God was the one who made the world and although they could not see Him physically, for no man can see God and live, they could see Him by the works He had done; he may very

well have used the word he would use in Romans 1:20, "The invisible things since the beginning of the world are clearly seen, being perceived by the things that are made, even His everlasting power and divinity; that they might be without excuse." While we cannot see the unknown God, we can look up and see Him by what He has done.

Many years ago as a teenager I saw a documentary film on the life of Mark Twain. Mark Twain said that he was born in 1835, the year that Halley's Comet came in. He said since he was born when that comet came in, and he would die when Halley's Comet came back. Seventy-five years later in 1910 Halley's Comet returned and Mark Twain died. He guessed his demise correctly. Seventy-five years later in 1985, Halley's Comet returned again. One night about ten o'clock I went out and looked toward the west, and saw Halley's Comet. Halley's Comet is a dirty block of ice about ten miles long, and every seventy-five years it travels millions of miles and always returns. For those who are alive in 2060, Halley's Comet will return. Could all this just happen, or was it planned by someone the Athenians called the unknown God?

So if you want to see the unknown God before Halley's Comet comes back, just look up at that big yellow ball called the moon, then look at that red ball called Mars, and then look at that beautiful big blue ball, space travelers call the earth, and you will see the unknown God the Athenians thought about when they heard Paul preach on Mars Hill.

So Paul said that unknown God is the One who made the world. Now Paul knew that God made the world because he said in Romans 11:1 that he was an Israelite of the tribe of Benjamin, and with that heritage he would have been familiar with the first chapter of Genesis where it is said that God made the world in six days. And that is the only historical reference as to how it was done, and since no member of the human race was present, all we have to go on, is the account in that first chapter of Genesis.

If the Athenians had known what modern man knows today, they would have told Paul that some say it took millions and millions of years for God to make a world like the model we now live on. Now that sounds like superstition. It appears the more learned and advanced in the knowledge of worldly matters people become, the more superstitious they get. Just look at these philosophers on Mars Hill. They prided themselves that Athens was the pinnacle of worldly learning, and their city was full of idols; now doesn't that sound intelligent? Paul could have pointed out the obvious by reminding them this unknown God is all-powerful, and being such a powerful God, He was able to make a world in six days, or six months, just as easily as six millions years, and not raise a sweat.

And besides, as finite people it is good to remember what the all-powerful God said in Job 38: 2-7, "Who is this that darkeneth counsel with words without knowledge? Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth; when the morning stars sang together, and the sons of God shouted for joy? Where were you Job, where was anybody?"

God must have laughed as He inspired the Apostle Paul to say in 1st Corinthians 1:21, "For seeing in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom knew not God." It was God's wisdom that the world through books of sci-

ence, mathematics, philosophy, medicine, or any other branch of human learning could ever show humanity the details as to how it all happened, and along with that, the way of salvation. This must come through the Word of God and His Word alone. It is no wonder the Athenians told Paul, "Thou bringest strange things to our ears."

to be continued! - OCTOBER

THINKING OUT LOUD

I was thinking the other day about when John said in his second and third epistle. In his second epistle, he said to the elect lady — Having many things to write unto you, I would not write them with paper and ink. . . Then in the third epistle he wrote a similar statement to the beloved Gaius. He told them, I had many things to write unto thee, but I am unwilling to write them with ink and pen. Whatever it was that he wanted to tell the elect lady and the beloved Gaius he did want to let us in on it. John is good at keeping things from us. He also said at the close of his account of the life of the Lord; there are many other things that Jesus did, that which if they should all be written I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that should be written.

Wonder what it was that he wanted to tell the lady and Gaius that he did not want us to know? And what were some of the things he did not tell us in the gospel record. He spent half of his space in telling about the last week in the life of the Lord. Surely there were a few more things he could have included to satisfy our desire to know more about the life of Jesus.

Perhaps the best answer is what is written is all the Holy Spirit wanted us to know. And when you think about it you have to applaud the wisdom of the Holy Spirit for not telling any more than He did. Such a little information and people cannot even agree on that. Just think of what a mess the religious world would be in if we did know more.

Suppose Acts was twice as long and John was twice as long and John had told us everything he wanted to tell the elect lady and Gaius, what would be the results? We would have twice as many denominations, twice as many cults, and instead of about thirty different groups calling themselves the Church of Christ we would have sixty different groups saying we are it. If we can't do more with the little information we have what a mess we would be in if we had more. And besides it is hard enough to get people to read the little bit of Bible we have without making it any bigger than it is.

I was also thinking about the catch all verses in the second epistle of John. Those verses that say, "whosoever goeth onward and abideth not in the teaching of Christ, hath not God: he that abideth in the teaching hath both this teaching, receive him not into your house, and give him no greeting: for he that giveth him greeting partaketh of his evil deeds."

Now I know why many of the Church of Christ congregations that do not use instrumental music will not fellowship those who do use the instrument. They would say that we abide not in the teaching of Christ. So they don't want to partake of our evil deeds. And that is why some Churches of Christ that believe in using one cup will not

fellowship those who use many cups. They would say they don't abide in the teaching of Christ and don't want to partake of their evil deeds. And that is why some Churches of Christ who do not believe in supporting orphanages will not fellowship those who do. They have not abided in the teaching of Christ and they don't want to partake of their evil deeds. I guess I could go on from there but I think I had better stop.

And then as I continued to think out loud I remembered about the first time I first read the Bible through as a child of about nine or ten. My dad had me to read out loud in the big family Bible while he followed in another. One of the things that I always remember is the phrase in the Old Testament. AND THE LORD SAID UNTO MOSES. A count of the times that the phrase AND THE LORD SAID UNTO MOSES is recorded is around forty-seven times. I read it so much that it was running out of my ears. AND THE LORD SAID UNTO MOSES. Now I realize why that is such a memorable phrase. It proves that the Bible is the inspired word of God. Moses wrote the first five books of the Old Testament and he said forty-seven times, AND THE LORD SAID UNTO MOSES. If indeed the Lord did not tell Moses all these things, then Moses is a liar. Does it make sense to say that the man who gave us the Ten Commandments would tell one lie right after the other? If Moses lied we are faced with an unbelievable problem. The greatest moral code the world had ever known was given to us by a shyster. I believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God because Moses surely told the truth. AND THE LORD SAID UNTO MOSES. . . . 1988 Ed's archives

LETTERS

Reception Reports from listeners of Short Wave broadcast: Arjun Sharma-Maharashtra, India. Heard talk about Jesus presented in male voice; reception clear. Kindly check the attached audio recordings and verify. (I did and it indeed was Ed.)

Zbynek Koci-Czech Republic, Europe: I've been just listening to you on 5945 kHz-Bible Voice-Europe. You did very good, nice presentation, male voice, name of program was "God Is Just A Prayer Away."

Short Wave listeners in Hungary and Sweden listening to Bible Voice-Europe and Bible voice - Russia. Istvan Biliczky-Budapest, Hungary and Christer Brunstrom-Hamstad, Sweden. Heard the "God Is Just A Prayer Away" program by Ed Bousman.

Alebachew Geremew-Ethiopian Africa. His occupation is seed farm manager of soybeans has a BA in agricultural science age 54. Dear in Christ, I came across your radio station because of some problem in the radio I did not hear the full information about your gospel ministry, but I caught your address and name of program, "God Is Just A Prayer Away." Please send me the whole information of the message.

Ralf Urganczyk, Eisleben, Germany: I listen to your

English language programme to Europe almost every weekend. Broadcasting time in the mornings is very convenient and reception quality is great, like a local station. Messages in the programme, "God Is Just a Prayer Away" every Sunday are always very impressive. They have a big knowledge about things moving on the world and always use good illustrations to make difficult things clear. They often provide surprising views to the stories in the Bible to discover and understand the most important messages from it. By the way, about 15 years ago, Ed Bousman sent me an English language Bible on request after listening to one of "God Is Just A Prayer Away" programme. Since then this book is one of my most read books. It tells me the word of God, but it also helps me to improve my knowledge of English language, when reading same time in the English language and the German language Bible. The most recent broadcast sermon I heard was entitled "The Foolishness of God" people like to question God, what Peter told them: Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit; baptize them.

Thank you for the Bible and Bible studies. I've lived in Utah 44 of my 49 years and a Mormon since 1988. Tomorrow 6/25/15 at 3 pm I am being baptized according to the scriptures and the truth that I learned from your Bible Studies.

Yvette K. from McPherson Correctional Facility in Newport, AK

Sis Naomi and GIJAPA,

I love you and the ministry. I am not a new student, I've done every single lesson of GIJAPA including those you wrote. I've been with you since June 2014, yes a year today. I love GIJAPA's heart! Imagine my 'surprise' at getting a beginners package including a beautiful large print KJV Holy Bible with lessons. I'm gonna take it to prison chapel and donate it to newest member in GIJAPA'S care. One condition will be they must complete 30 lessons from GIJAPA as minimum! You'll have a new student from this prison soon. Amen. Thanks so much for everything, may God continue to lead, guide and bless your earthly mission.

Your brother in Christ. P.S. Ed is so proud of you. Sam Numbers 6:24-26 (KJV)²⁴ The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:²⁵ The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:²⁶ The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Dear Ed Bousman ministries,

I have heard many good things about your ministry and the great service you do around the world. Thank God for your service and helping so many people around the world especially prisoners. Would you please send me a Bible and your Bible Studies along with your monthly newsletter? You are in my daily prayers. Thank you and may God continue to bless you!

Respectfully, Gary from Michael Unit - Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Tennessee Colony, TX

My name is Michael,

I am 46 years old and serving 30 year sentence in Texas Department of Corrections. I am a Christian and have been

indigent for 11 years. I am writing you because a fellow inmate told me that you send indigent prisoners KJV Bibles. I used to have a study Bible but when I went to the hospital, the property officers at my unit at that time stole all my property I am no longer there. I currently do not have a Bible. I am in Jester III Unit - Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Richmond, TX

Dear Sister Naomi,

I would like to thank you for the KJV Bible. It has brought me so much comfort and I've began to read more than I have in the last 20 years. I am still incarcerated at T.C.C.C. in Del Valle, TX. The inmates are always asking about it the Bible because it offers so much and it is really helpful when things are tough. I also have been getting the newsletters. This has been real life changer because my wife and I will forever be grateful. When I'm released we plan on doing the Bible studies again together as a family.

Thank you and may God bless you. Walter

Dear Naomi Bousman,

I am writing this letter because I will be moving to another unit soon in Texas. I am just wondering what to do, because I don't want to miss any mail from you, once I get moved. I will write you again, to let you know where I moved to when I get moved, will that work? I'm just hoping that I don't lose y'all, because I am really learning a lot from the Bible lessons and I like to read the newsletter I've been getting also. Thank y'all for everything and God bless!

Thomas from Buster Cole Unit in Bonham, TX

I'm writing this letter to Ed Bousman Evangelistic Association because I'm in Montgomery County Jail part of the Texas Department of Corrections. I've been here 16 months facing life in prison. I'm new in the reading of Holy Bible. I don't know much I have really bad eye site so the chaplain gave me ya'll address for a big print Bible.

I'm please asking through the good graces of the Lord Jesus Christ and you all to send me a Big Print KJV Bible.

Thank you. David, Conroe, TX

Dear friends in Christ,

Ed Bousman preaches the gospel without compromise. This is why I support your ministry. This is why I will keep supporting your ministry until the Lord takes me home.

Keep preaching, Stan USA

Dear Ed Bousman,

My name is Derrick. I would love to join your studies and learn more about God. I also would love to have one of the Bibles with red words so I can know when God is speaking. And if it's not too much I would also love for you guys to send one to my wife so we can learn together more about God and how to live according to God's word.

Thank you



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