**THE GOD WHO MADE THE WORLD AND EVERYTHING IN IT**

Acts 17:1-34 (Key verse: 24-25)

*““The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. 25 And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else.”*

1. As usual what did Paul do when he came to Thessalonica (1,2)? What was the point of his lecture (3)? Who followed Paul and Silas, but why did the Jews not welcome them(4,5a)? How did the Jews throw the city into turmoil(5b-9)? Describe the wicked consequences of jealousy. And what do you learn from the fact that there are always two kinds of reactions to the Gospel message?

2. Where did Paul and Silas go (10)? In what sense were the Bereans more noble than the Thessalonians (11)? Consequently, what happened among them (12)? What do you learn from this?

3. How did Paul end up in Athens (13-15)? How did he feel when he saw that the city was full of idols (16,17)? What did Paul tell them, and how did the Epicurean(hedonists) and Stoic philosophers(ascetics) respond (18-20)?

4. What did the Athenians tend to do (21)? Spiritually how ignorant were they despite being very religious (22,23)? What did Paul tell them about God the Creator (24-26)? How could they find God (27,28)? Why do they have to believe in God instead of idols (29-31)? How did the Athenians react to Paul’s message (32-34)?