

Acts 17:16-34

What Is
Different
About Our God?

Things Worshiped as a God

2 Chron. 33:3 - Sun, moon, stars

Rom. 1:25 - Anything God has created

Isa. 2:8 - Mankind's inventions

Phil. 3:19 - Human appetites

John 4:22 - Ignorance and superstition

Rev. 14:11-12 - The very epitome of evil

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Psalm 96:4-5

What are idols?

- **Presence: “log” and “carved”**
- **Essence: “good for nothing”**
- **Gal. 4:8 – “by nature are no gods”**

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1 Cor. 8:4-6

Our God: the real thing!

- **Presence: the one and only Deity, too great to be contained – Acts 17:24**
- **Essence: the Lord Supreme – Acts 17:27**
- **Acts 19:26 – Made gods are no gods!**

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1 Tim. 6:16

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- **Exo. 15:11 – Glory (glorious in holiness)**
- **Jer. 10:3-5 – Idolatry = worshiping scarecrows!**

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- **Psa. 135:5-6 – Power (what He pleases He does, in heaven and in earth)**
- **Gen. 31:30; 2 Kings 19:17-18; Isa. 2:20; Zeph. 2:11 – Idols stolen, captured, etc.**

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Acts 17:26-28

Our God is Good

- **Good in His essence**
- **Every bit of power and glory channeled toward the ultimate welfare of His people.**
- **To darkness, light! Against enemies, victory! To discouraged, lovingkindness.**

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Acts 17:30-31

Our God is Exacting

- **Makes plans and issues demands.**
- **The Great Commander – vs. 30.**
Commands that all repent.
- **The Great Judge – vs. 31.**
**On appointed day He will judge
the world through Jesus Christ.**

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Acts 17:32-34

Our God is Merciful

- Acts 2:38 – “Repent and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins.”
- Acts 3:19 – “Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come.”

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