

## **“Life Death & Judgement, Lead To An Eternal Reality!”**

**Acts 17:30-34**

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### **REVIEW**

Paul Preaching & Teaching At The **Areopagus** On **Mars Hill**  
Then **Paul** stood up in the midst of the **Areopagus** (on **Mars Hill**) and said, “**Men of Athens, I Perceive (Discern) that in all things you are very religious; for as I was passing through and considering the objects of Your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: ‘To The Unknown God’. Therefore, the One Whom You worship without knowing, Him I Proclaim (Preach & Teach) to You (now).**” **Acts 17:22-23**

**Q**

“So, What Does God Desire For His Creation To Know About Him, Ourselves, This Physical Temporary Life & Reality, & Eternity?”

**A**

### **Remember Our Mission**

“Reaching People Right Where They Live, Think, Move, & Have Their Being; With The Reality Of Life, Death, Resurrection, Final Judgement, & Eternity!”

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**Q**

“What Responses Will You Receive If You Share The Gospel Of Good News & Judgment?”

**A1**

You Will Be Mocked & Scoffed At For Being The Bearer Of The Truth!

“And when **They** (Philosophers & Learned Citizens) heard of the Resurrection of the Dead, **Some Mocked** (Paul).” **Acts 17:32a & b**

According to the Tradition Of The **City of Athens**,  
The Founder of the **Areopagus (Court of Debate)** On the **God Mars’ Hill**, Was the **God Apollo**.  
**Apollo** In Turn Dedicated to His Sister, The **Goddess Athena**,

This Central Sentiment For The **Foundation of the Court Of Debate – Areopagus**:

“Once a man dies and the earth drinks up his blood, there is no resurrection to save him!”

– **Apollo** –

(“Oresteia” - **Eumenides** 647 - 48)

**Aeschylus**

(Continued Over)

Peter Reminds Us Again This Morning, “Beloved, I now write to you this **Second Epistle** (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), that you may be mindful of the **Words** which were **Spoken (Rhema)** before by the **Holy Prophets**, and of the Commandment of **Us**, the **Apostles** of the **Lord and Savior**. Knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the Last Days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, ‘Where is the Promise of His Coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.’ For this they willfully forget that by the Word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same Word, are reserved for fire until the Day of Judgement and Perdition of ungodly men!” **2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:1-7**

#### A2

You Will Be Encouraged To Speak Again The Gospel Of Good News,  
While Your Hearers Debate & Deliberate Upon Their Response!

“And when **They** (Philosophers & Learned Citizens) heard of the Resurrection of the Dead,  
... while **Others** said, “We will hear you again on this matter.” **Acts 17:32a & c**

#### A3

You Will Receive New Believers (Brothers & Sisters) By Faith!

“So, **Paul** departed from among **Them**. However, **Some Men** Joined Him and Believed (by Faith),  
among **Them** [a **Man**] Dionysius the Areopagite, a **Woman** named Damaris, and **Others**  
(both **Men** & **Women**) with **Them**.” **Acts 17:33-34**

#### New Converts To Christianity

##### 1) Dionysius the Areopagite

Member of the 12 Debate Council Members on Mars Hill

Later 1<sup>st</sup> Bishop of Athens – **Eusebius**

##### 2) Dionysius’ Wife Damaris

Member of the 12 Debate Council of Leading Women (‘**Hetairai**’) on Mars Hill

##### 3) Other **Men** & **Women** of the City

#### CQ

“What Does God Want From His People, The Church Today,  
Tomorrow, Until He Calls Us Home, Or Returns For Us In Glory?”

#### CA – In Three Parts

The **Same Mission He** Asked Of **His Son Jesus Christ**, While **He** Was On The Earth!

#### CA1

##### To Serve & Not Be Served

Jesus Said, “For even the Son of Man did not come to be Served,  
but to Serve, and to give His life a ransom for many!”

**Matthew 20:28**

#### CA2

##### To Seek & Save The Lost

Jesus said, “Today salvation has come to this house,  
... For the Son of Man has Come to Seek and to Save that which was Lost!”

**Luke 19:9a & 10**

#### CA3

##### To Call All To Repentance

Jesus came to Galilee, Preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, saying,

“The Time is Fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at Hand.

Repent, and Believe in the Gospel!”

**Mark 1:14b-15**

## REMEMBER

Paul Reminds Us Again This Morning, “Therefore, we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be Well Pleasing to Him. For We must all appear before the Judgement Seat of Christ, that each One may receive the things done in the body, according to what He has done, whether good or bad. Knowing, therefore, the Terror of the Lord, We Persuade Men; but We are Well Known to God, and I also trust are Well Known in Your Consciences.” 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:9-11

“Let Us Brothers & Sisters Of Our God,  
Serve, Seek, Preach, Teach, & Love,  
In The Midst Of A Lost & Dying World,  
As Our Brother Paul Once Orated,  
And As Our Lord Once Demonstrated!”

“May Many Come To Know The Lord,  
Through Our Earnest & Urgent Obedience  
To Serve, Seek, & Call All While It Is Still Day!  
For The Darkness Is Soon Coming,  
When No One Will Be Able To Work!”

“May Many Thank Us Today & In Heaven,  
For Sharing With Them The Good News Of The Gospel.  
May All Who Come Behind Us Find Us Faithful.  
And May Our Lord Greet Us With These Words,  
‘Well Done God & Faithful Servant!’”

## APPENDIX

### Aeschylus Warrior, Author, & Playwright

Aeschylus was a Hoplite Soldier of Athens – A Veteran with 13 Battles in his lifetime, including the **Battles of Marathon & Salamis** within the greater **Persian Wars**. His Life as a Soldier colored his understanding of life, politics, religion, etc. One of his seven surviving tragic **Plays** deals with his life as a soldier - **The Persians**.

Only **Seven Tragedies (Plays)** attributed to **Aeschylus** have survived antiquity: **The Persians**, <sup>1</sup> **Seven Against Thebes**, <sup>2</sup> **The Suppliants**, <sup>3</sup> **Prometheus Bound**, <sup>4</sup> & the only Trilogy in ancient literature to have survived, **The Oresteia** <sup>5-7</sup> - the three tragedies of the trilogy are: **Agamemnon**, <sup>5</sup> **The Libation Bearers** <sup>6</sup> and **The Eumenides** <sup>7</sup>. One hallmark of Aeschylean dramaturgy (study of drama) appears to have been his desire to write literary connected trilogies in which each play serves as a chapter in a continuous dramatic narrative.

It is a **Quote** from his **Play – Eumenides** <sup>7</sup> that is quoted as the **Founding Central Sentiment for the birth of the Areopagus – The Council of Debate on Mars Hill**, that **Paul Orates** upon in **Acts Chapter 17:22-31** in the **City of Athens**.

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**The Trilogy – “Oresteia”**

**The Play – Eumenides** pg. 647 - 48

By **Aeschylus**