1 - **“He Is Lord Of Heaven & Earth…”**
Acts 17:24

2 - **The Unknown God**

* Paul observed in Athens, a “**city full of idols**” which provoked him. (Acts 17:16)
* Paul had been “**preaching Jesus and the resurrection**” in the city of Athens. (Acts 17:18)
* One particular idol caught his attention: one with the inscription, **“to an unknown god”**. (Acts 17:23)
* Paul began, **“What you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you…”** (Acts 17:23)

3 - **The Unknown God**

Is the one who:

* “**Made the world and all things in it**…” (vs. 24)
**He Created**
* “**He is Lord of heaven and earth**…” (vs. 24)
**He Rules**
* “**Does not dwell in temples made with hands**…” (vs. 24)
**He is Omnipresent**
* **All that we have comes from HIM including our very life**. (vs. 25)
**He Blesses**
* **He expects to be sought and honored through our faith and obedience.
He Commands and judges**

4 – **He Is Lord Of Heaven & Earth**

**God has always ruled in the affairs of men and nations**… (Genesis 6, 15:16; 18:25-26)

**God ruled & judged Israel**: (Joshua 23:16; Isaiah 9:8ff; Hosea 1:4; 9:7; Amos 4:12; 7:17; 8:2; 9:7-10;
2 Kings 17:6-18)

**God ruled & judged Judah:** (Habakkuk 1:5ff, 1:12ff; Jer. 25:1-11; 27:1-11)

**God ruled & judged the Gentile nations** such as Assyria, Babylon, (Isaiah 10:5-13; Daniel 4:17, 25, 31-35; Jeremiah 25:12-14)

God decides when to “**uproot… pull down… or… destroy**” or “**build up… or plant**” a nation based on whether we follow our plans or God’s. (Jeremiah 1:10; 18:5-12)

**When the righteous disappear**? (Genesis 6; 18:22ff; Ezekiel 22:30; Jeremiah 5:1)

5 – **He Is Lord Of Heaven & Earth**

**Is it different now?** Does God still rule in the nations of men?

**Consider**:

* “**Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people**.” (Proverbs 14:34)
* **All authority comes from God**. (Romans 13:1ff; cf., Daniel 2:20-22)
* We are to **pray for those in authority**. (1 Timothy 2:2) Why?
* **“Having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation.”** (Acts 17:26) Did that end?
* **“The Lord will reign forever…” (Psalms 146:10)**

6 – **The Lord Reigns**

* “**The Lord reigns**, He is **clothed with majesty…** and **girded Himself with strength**; indeed the world is firmly established, **it will not be moved**.” **(Psalms 93:1; 104:1; cf., 2 Peter 3:7)**
* **“The Lord reigns… He will judge the peoples with equity…”
(Psalms 96:10-13)**
* **“The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice…” (Psalms 97:1)**
* **“The Lord reigns, let the peoples tremble… let them praise Your great and awesome name…” (Psalms 99:1-3; cf., 1 Timothy 6:15)**
* **“The Lord will reign forever…” (Psalms 146:10)**

7 - **He Is Lord Of Heaven & Earth**

**God’s determination of our appointed times and habitations depend not on:**

* **Human strength, riches or might.**(Psalms 33:13ff; 147:10-11)
* **But rather what we do with His word.**(Jeremiah 12:16-17; cf., Jeremiah 7:3-7; 18:8;
Jonah 3:5)
* **Seeking God and His righteousness will exalt a nation**. (Proverbs 14:34; Matthew 6:33)
* **We can be “healed”!** (2 Chronicles 7:14-15; Ps. 60:1-5)

8 - **He Is Lord Of Heaven & Earth**

**God will again judge all people**…
(1 Peter 4:5; 2 Peter 3:10-15)

**Are you confident re: His judgment**?
(Amos 5:18-20; 1 John 4:17)

**Are you prepared to give an accounting**?
(Romans 14:12)