***Promises that Never Break … When You Wonder about Your Future***

*Acts 17:22-31*

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**Acts 17:22 (ESV)**So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious.

**Acts 17:23 (ESV)**For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

**Acts 17:24 (ESV)**The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man,

**Acts 17:25 (ESV)**nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.

**Acts 17:26 (ESV)**And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place,

**Acts 17:27 (ESV)**that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward Him and find Him. Yet He is actually not far from each one of us,

**Acts 17:28 (ESV)**for “ ‘In Him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “ ‘For we are indeed His offspring.’

**Acts 17:29 (ESV)**Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the Divine Being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man.

**Acts 17:30 (ESV)**The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent,

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**Isaiah 66:1 (ESV)**Thus says the Lord: “Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool; what is the house that you would build for Me, and what is the place of My rest?

**Isaiah 66:2 (ESV)**All these things My hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the Lord. But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at My word.

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**Daniel 4:35 (ESV)**All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and He does according to His will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay His hand or say to Him, “What have you done?”

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**Romans 10:13 (ESV)**For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

**Acts 17:32 (ESV)**Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.”

**Acts 17:33 (ESV)**So Paul went out from their midst.

**Acts 17:34 (ESV)**But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.