Paul's Preaching on Mars Hill
Acts 17:22-34

Introduction:
A. Paul was in a strange city with time on hands. (v.16). - Can you relate?
   1. Many would spend time site seeing and people watching - materialistically.
   2. Few would spend the time assessing the spiritual character of city.
B. Paul spent some of his time preaching a great sermon on Mar's Hill.
   1. We can greatly profit from a study of this great sermon.
   2. We plan to discuss several particulars of this great sermon.

Discussion:
I. The Circumstances Leading To The Sermon.
   A. Paul's provocation by error. (v. 16).
      1. A very religious people. (v.22)
      2. A very idolatrous city. (v. 23)
   B. Paul's proclamation of truth. (vv. 17-21).
      1. To worshipers in the synagogues. (v. 17).
      2. To philosophers in the marketplace. (v. 18).

II. The Contents Included In The Sermon.
   A. God who made all men.
      1. Made man's habitation does not need man to make Him one. (v.24, 26)
      2. Made man in His image, does not need man to make anything in His image. (v.25).
      3. Made man of one blood for all nations. (v. 26).
      4. Made man to seek after Him. (v. 27).
      5. Made man close to Him. (vv. 27).
         a. So close that in Him we live and move and have our being. (v. 28).
         b. So close that we are his offspring. (vv. 28-29).
         c. So close that we ought to learn something of His nature by looking at ourselves. (v. 29).
   B. God who commands all men. (v. 30).
      1. All men need repentance. (Rom. 3:23; 1 John 1:8,10).
      2. All men must repent and meet God's terms of pardon.
         b. Erring Christians. (Acts 8:22; Rev. 2:5; 1 John 1:9).
   C. God who judges all men. (v. 31)
      1. He will judge us on an appointed day. (cf. 2 Pet. 3:10-12).
      2. He will judge us through Jesus Christ. (cf. Matt. 25:31-32).
         a. As sure as resurrection.
         b. As sure as word of God. (cf. 2 Pet. 3:5-7).

III. The Consequences Following The Sermon.
   A. Some mocked: Their philosophy stronger to them than historical evidence.
   B. Some procrastinated: Put off making a decision about it.
   C. Some believed: Such faith includes obedience in Scriptures. (cf. Acts 16:31ff)
   D. All heard same sermon, by same preacher, at same time: Yet, reacted differently.

Conclusion:
A. If one has time on hands, should use it wisely.
B. If one sees an opportunity to teach he should use it.
C. If one sees error he should do all in his power to correct it.
D. If one hears adverse reaction to sermon, it may not be the preacher or the sermon's fault.
E. If one is ignorant he must hear the truth and obey it, because he will be judged by it.