The Righteous Rule of God
Acts 17:24-31

Introduction:
A. God is “Lord (ruler) of heaven and earth” (v. 24).
   1. Has right by reason of creation (v. 24).
   2. Has right by reason of sustaining (v. 28).
   3. Has right by reason of destiny (v. 31).
B. God is ruler over His creation in 3 areas:

Discussion:
I. God Rules over His Universe.
   A. The Lord of the physical world (Ps. 104:1-26).
   B. The Lord of the political world (Dan. 4:17, 25, 32; Jer. 27:5; Isa. 10:5-7; John 19:10,11).
   C. The Lord of the spiritual world (cf. Lk. 10:17-20; Heb. 1:6)

II. God Rules over His Church (Eph. 1:19-23).
   A. The Lord of its structure.
      2. Organization (Eph. 4:11, 12).
      1. Worship.
      2. Work.
   C. The Lord of its leadership (1 Pet. 5:1-4)
   D. The Lord of its destiny (1 Cor. 15:24; Rev. 21:1-3)

III. God Rules over His Rules.
   A. He has the right to make the rules (Jas. 4:11, 12).
   B. He has the right to change the rules (Heb. 7:12).
   C. He as the right to except the rules:
      2. Exceptions to general spiritual laws.
         b. Priest handling the dead — exception (Lev. 21:1-3).
   D. He alone has the right to make, change or except. (Jas. 4:12).
      1. Revealed exception vs unrevealed exceptions (Deut. 29:29).
      2. If God want’s to make exceptions to revelation — fine, but not I.

Conclusion:
A. God wants to be ruler of your life.
B. God will rule your destiny.