

The God of the Servant

Isaiah 45:18-25; Acts 17:24-31

*"...This is my Father's world! I rest me in the thought Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas - His hand the wonders wrought."
Hymn # 39 Great Hymns of the Faith*

Into the Lesson:

Spend some time reconnecting with the God of Creation by reading:

Genesis 1:1-31-
John 1:1-5-

Then contemplate the "big and the small" of that creation:
The next closest star to our sun is
23,000,000,000,000 miles away-

At the moment of conception, the combined DNA of the parents form a complexly new human.

Psalm 139:14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Into the Word:

How does Isaiah 45:18-25 help to dispel the myth, "that all religions are basically the same..."?

What does Acts 17:24-31 add to the equation?
How does verse 21 seem to be a precursor for most of the social media we seem to be inundated with?

How does verse 18 seem to contradict the "inclusivity" of the "COEXIST" crowd in Athens?

How does Philippians 2:9-15 help "...to truly understand Who this Servant is - whether it be The Nation of Israel - Jesus - or us - we must understand just Who THE GOD OF THE SERVANT really is..."

How does Philippians 1:12-14 seem to indicate that Paul is a "cup is half full" kind of guy?
If you need further help continue reading vv. 15-19.

Is it possible that the "provocation" spoken of in v.16 could have been the reminder of Stephen's speech and Saul's reaction Acts 7:48-8:3?

Into Life:

How does Paul's response in vv. 22-23 provide a useful starting point in our efforts to reach the "all roads lead to God" folks?

What are some of the indications we see that, "...there seems to be a growing loss of confidence in The Bible as the infallible Word of God?"

How do we bridge the gap with the syncretism folks if "...We cannot declare the gospel of Jesus without declaring the doctrine of God..."

How will the "syncretism" crowd respond to our declaration that God is:

Judge-
Creator-
Sustainer-
Ruler-

What must our response be?

How will Romans 12:9-21 help in delivering our message -

Respond to Lane's sobering quote "...we create gods of our own and worship them instead...substitutes for God..."

What must happen in our lives to make sure we don't go "off the rails"?

What role will the following play in that effort:
Bible Study-
Prayer-
Fellowship-

1 John 3:1-3 ¹See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

This Week's Songs:

This Is Our God

Approach My Soul (Hymn #105)

Only A Holy God (Hymn #11)

Humbled Heart

We Will Feast in the House of Zion (Hymn #894)

