

Romans 1:18-32

Pray that God would use his word to teach you to see the world, yourself, and the triune God in a fresh way.

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Look closer... Paul says that people throughout the history of the world are “without excuse” when it comes to not pursuing God, because God’s creation reflects his attributes (vv. 18-20). But can someone really come to faith in the God of the gospel by looking at the stars? No way!

Right now, Paul is not just writing theology, he’s talking about the history of the world. He’s saying, “they should have known that the true God of the heavens, the waterfalls and trees, the Creator of mountains and canyons could not be crafted by human hands!” Paul is talking about the foolishness of idolatry.

He even says what we have no excuse to miss, “his eternal power and divine nature.” That is not the gospel. Later, Paul will say, “if you confess with your mouth that ‘Jesus is Lord’, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” The people around you cannot begin to know their Father and Creator by looking at the stars, they must hear it from you.

Think about it... if the people who, long ago, had no excuse for crafting foolish idols and worshiping them, what does this verse mean to us? What do we have *no excuse* for? Well, we know that the only one worth worshiping, and following with our lives is the God of Creation, the Father of our Savior, Jesus. So often, we live out a boring faith, and the way we see church, worship, and service to others is small and lame. Look up at the stars! Your Father made them! Look at the trees and fields. Your Father sustains them! You don’t have a boring faith, but you’ve been made for a life of risky love, fullness of joy, beautiful worship, and deep relationships. Don’t craft foolish idols. Your Father is the Father of stars.

Pray about it... God is calling you to something beautiful. What are the ways in which you’ve crafted an idol, rather than submitted to the glory of being united to the church, worshiping with God’s people, loving those around you, and honoring the Father of stars in all that you do?

Take some time to thank God for caring for you, even when He has the whole universe to care for.