The Witness's Discourse (Continued)—Acts 17

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As Jesus' witnesses, our task is not merely to announce the gospel, hoping that the seeds will land on good soil and bear fruit. We will be called upon to *explain* the gospel so that the listeners are persuaded by it (compare Luke 24:47 and Matt 28:19–20). This means that we must become better at reasoning with people about the truth of the gospel, so that they are moved by the truth. And for that lesson we will sit at the feet of the apostle Paul, observing his discourse with both Jews and Gentiles.

Previously:

1. Paul's Standard Approach
   a. His Method of Discourse (Acts 17:1–4, 10–12)
      (1) Reading the Word
      (2) Explaining the Word
      (3) Applying the Word
   b. His Place of Discourse (Acts 17:17)

Today:

2. Paul's Situational Adaptation

   a. His Discourse with Jews in the Synagogue (Acts 13:14–44)

   b. His Discourse with Gentiles in the Areopagus (Acts 17:22–34)