Day 44

> *So Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I observe that you are very religious in all respects. For while I was passing through and examining the objects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription, 'TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.' Therefore what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and all things in it . . . is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His children.'" Acts 17:22-24,27-28 (NASB Update)*

Through the Internet, many people have "chat-room buddies" they have never met, but with whom they communicate. Agreeing to a personal meeting can be dangerous; there are sexual predators who lure people into believing they "know" them, but it is all deception and sometimes leads to trouble. If a Christian had an abusive or unloving father, he or she may accept Jesus but not genuinely trust the Father. Therefore, they restrict their relationship with Him to sending messages in prayer (generally asking for help) – they do not open their hearts to Him as a child to receive the love they need from their Father. The above passage teaches us that: (1) we can never get away from our Father, in Whom and by Whom we live, and (2) this is VERY GOOD, because He is good and overflowing with love for you. Share your fears with a loving, trustworthy Father who longs to take away your pain and bless you.