



Beware of the Wolves

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TODAY'S READING: Acts 20

No matter where Paul ministered, his greatest concern was to preach the gospel of Christ. In Ephesus, Paul preached boldly in public places and went from house to house testifying, to Jew and Gentile alike, repentance and faith in Christ.

As shepherds care about the safety of their sheep, Paul was deeply concerned for the spiritual well-being of all people. Paul did not deliver a sugar-coated gospel that tickled the ears of the people. Paul preached the whole counsel of God, so he could stand unashamed before the Lord.

Paul knew that after his departure savage wolves would enter the church and not spare God's people. He encouraged the elders in Ephesus to stand firm in the faith, to guard their spiritual well-being, to care for God's people and to feed the flock of God. Paul also asked them to shepherd the Body of Christ, reminding them that we were purchased with His own precious blood, on Calvary's cross.

This was the last time Paul would see his brothers and sisters in Ephesus. His warning was as true then as it is today. Many false teachers have scattered the flock, but Christ continues to build His Church. Paul's warning still stands. We should guard our hearts, stand firm in the faith and take heed of the whole counsel of God; not only for our own account but for those whom God has chosen to place in our realm of influence.

We need to take seriously Paul's warning to guard our spiritual hearts and take responsibility for protecting all the flock of God with sound doctrine and a disciplined life.

PRAYER: Lord, we thank You for the Church, and for those You called to make up Your body in Fort Mill. Thank you for those who have not yet come to the realization that they need a savior. We pray we will read and know Your Word, because it is the only way we will be able to recognize the false teachers and what they teach.

TOMORROW'S READING: Acts 21

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