

# Acts of the Apostles 20:17-38 \_\_ Lesson 46

## *Paul's Pattern Left to the Ephesians*

### 1. Acts 20:17-21 – They Know Paul's Manner

- a. *"first day"* – from what we know Acts 18:19, but mainly in Acts 19
- b. *"after what manner"* – This farewell sounds like his letters to Timothy
  - i. Bishops, overseers, his course, profit - 1Tim 4:16, 2 Tim 1:11, 2:9, 3:10, 4:7
- c. Tears of love 2 Cor 2:4, enemies Phi 3:18, and for company 2 Tim 1:4
- d. Temptations (trials) – Gal 4:14, 2 Cor 11:23-28
- e. *"lying in wait of the Jews"* – Acts 20:3, but also 9:23-25, 14:5-6, 17:5, 17:13
- f. *"kept back nothing profitable"* – 2 Tim 3:16, 2 Cor 12:1, Titus 3:9
- g. *"house to house"* → Publicly and privately is Paul's manner
- h. What did he teach? 1) Repentance → God, 2) faith → Lord Jesus Christ - 2Ti 2:24-25

### 2. Acts 20:22-24 – Paul Not Moved by What He Doesn't Know

- a. *"bound in the spirit"* – due to his heart (9:2, 10:1) and God - Eph 3:1, 2Ti 1:8, Act 23:11
- b. *"not knowing"* – He does know what he must do, but not how it will turn out
- c. *"bonds and afflictions"* – The prison epistles are coming – Eph 6:19-20, Col 4:3
- d. The will of God is not always the road of ease and convenience – 2 Tim 1:8, 4:5
- e. *"finish my course ... the ministry I have received..."* – Acts 9:15, 1 Tim 1:16
- f. *"gospel of the grace of God"* – the only time the phrase appears (mid-Acts) – 20:24

### 3. Acts 20:25-31 – What Paul Knows He Declares

- a. Don't be thrown by *"kingdom"* → Rom 14:17, 1 Cor 4:20, Col 1:13, 2 Tim 4:17-18
- b. *"no more"* – He is finished at Ephesus... having declared *"all the counsel of God"*
- c. *"Take heed"* – 1 Tim 4:16 – You care for others by first caring about Christ in you
- d. Paul never uses the words sheep, lamb, shepherd, fold, pasture... but here...
- e. *"flock... overseers"* – Remember he is talking to the elders – Acts 20:17, Titus 1:5, 7
- f. *"Holy Ghost hath made you"* → The only time the word 'pastor' is used Eph 4:11
- g. *"his own blood"* – See the three in one strong deity verse – 1Cor 6:20
- h. *"grievous wolves"* – perhaps the "dogs" of Phil 3:2, 1 Ti 1:20, 2 Tim 2:17, 4:3-4, 4:14
  - i. *Perverse teachings*: contrary to what Christ revealed to Paul - Gal 1:7, 1Ti 6:5
- i. *"watch and remember"* – Paul's faithfulness and love toward them – 2 Tim 1:13-14

### 4. Acts 20:32-38 – The Word of God's Grace

- a. *"the word of his grace"* – 1 Thess 2:13 – God's [grace] word works in you
- b. It builds you up, it gives you an inheritance, it gives you a blessing.
- c. Paul paid for himself and others with his hands → 1 Cor 4:12, 1 Th 2:9, 2 Th 3:8
- d. *"words of the Lord Jesus"* – not found in MMLJ... but found in Paul – 1 Th 2:20
- e. *"more blessed to give than to receive"* – remember in light of 2 Cor 9:15, Rom 8:32