

INTRODUCTION:

1. PAUL COMMANDED THE EPHESIAN ELDERS USING SHEPHERD IMAGERY (20:28).

a. Shepherd imagery appears throughout the OT.

b. Shepherd imagery appears throughout the NT.

(1) *Christ as shepherd*

(2) *The apostles as shepherds*

(3) *The elders/pastors of congregations as shepherds*

2. PAUL COMMANDED THE EPHESIAN SHEPHERDS TO FEED GOD'S BLOOD-BOUGHT FLOCK (20:17-38).

a. Paul summoned the Ephesian elders to exhort them (20:17-21).

b. Paul told warned them about future events (20:22-27).

c. Paul then exhorted the elders to feed God's people (20:28-31).

d. Paul commended them to God's grace, warned them of covetousness, and bid them farewell (20:32-38).

CONCLUSION: