

A Faithful Watchman

Text: Acts 20:25-27

Introduction:

We continue to plow through Paul's heartfelt exhortation to the Ephesian elders, as he prepares to head to Jerusalem. This morning, we will set up camp in verses 25-27.

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“And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more” (vs. 25).

Question #1: What did Paul preach among the Ephesians? Open up this language? How does this encompass the general thrust of the Gospel ministry?

"Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God" (vs. 26-27).

Question #2: What type of language does Paul use in describing the integrity of his ministry here? Why is such language relevant for the Gospel ministry? In what way/s should this sober any and all, who would express a desire to pursue the Gospel ministry? How might this also factor into the Hebrews 13:17 equation for the responsibility of church elders? [Ezekiel 3:16-21]

Question #3: How could Paul specifically affirm his innocence? What is the "whole counsel of God?" Notice, Paul's use of the word "shunned." What does that tell us about those who fail to declare the whole counsel of God?

Amen!!!