

# Acts 20:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.

## Analysis

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'I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.' This sobering prediction intensified the farewell. Paul's focus on 'the kingdom of God' summarizes his message - Christ's reign proclaimed and established.

## Historical Context

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Whether Paul ever returned to Ephesus is debated. Some believe 1-2 Timothy indicate later ministry there; others accept this as final farewell.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does awareness of final meetings affect pastoral relationships?
2. What does 'preaching the kingdom' summarize about Paul's message?

## Interlinear Text

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Καὶ νῦν ἰδού, ἐγὼ οἶδα ὅτι οὐκέτι ὄψεσθε τὸ  
And now behold I know that no more shall see G3588  
G2532 G3568 G2400 G1473 G1492 G3754 G3765 G3700

πρόσωπόν μου ὑμεῖς πάντες ἐν οἷς διῆλθον  
face my ye all among whom I have gone G1330  
G4383 G3450 G5210 G3956 G1722 G3739

κηρύσσων τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ  
preaching G3588 the kingdom G3588 of God G2316  
G2784 G932

## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 28:31** (Kingdom): Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

**Acts 20:38** (Parallel theme): Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship.

**Matthew 4:23** (Kingdom): And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.