

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

'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

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

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

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

Interlinear Text

Καὶ	νῦν	ἰδοὺ,	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	ὕμεῖς	πάντες	ἐν	οἷς	διῆλθον		
face	my	ye	all	among	whom	I have gone		
G4383	G3450	G5210	G3956	G1722	G3739	G1330		
κηρύσσων	τὴν	βασιλείαν	τοῦ	Θεοῦ				
preaching	G3588	the kingdom	G3588	of God				
G2784		G932		G2316				

Additional Cross-References

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.