

Acts 20:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men.

Analysis

'I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men.' This solemn declaration asserted complete faithfulness in witness. 'Blood' language echoes Ezekiel's watchman (Ezekiel 33:8-9) - failure to warn makes one guilty.

Historical Context

The watchman metaphor placed responsibility on both messenger and hearers. Paul's comprehensive teaching absolved him of guilt for any who rejected.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. What does being 'pure from blood' require of Christian witnesses?
2. How does the watchman imagery inform evangelistic responsibility?

Interlinear Text

διὸ	μαρτύρομαι	ὑμῖν	ἐν	τῇ	σήμερον	ἡμέρᾱ	ὅτι
Wherefore	I take	you	this	G3588	G4594	day	that
G1352	G3143	G5213	G1722			G2250	G3754
καθαρός	ἐγὼ	ἀπὸ	τοῦ	αἵματος	πάντων·		
am pure	I	from	G3588	the blood	of all		
G2513	G1473	G575		G129	G3956		

Additional Cross-References

Acts 18:6 (Blood): And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles.

John 12:17 (Parallel theme): The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record.