

49-Ephesians-00-Transcript

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well welcome to uh another bible study i
was about to say wednesday night bible
study

um but of course we're celebrating the
feast of tabernacles so happy
feast to all of you i'm broadcasting
here from ottawa ontario with where
we're celebrating with uh

20 brethren here gathered to celebrate
the feast and

we watch with great interest and
anticipation the ordination of our
brother

jim french in collingwood so

congratulations to you jim

and the brethren here are very excited
and very supportive of your ordination
i am not i was not expecting to have uh
brethren watching live

i just thought for the sake of the
archive i'll go ahead and record
this study on the book of ephesians but

i do see that we do have a few people
quite a few people actually
are watching live so thank you very much
for tuning in

um this book of ephesians is an
extremely important book
for us believers and and it has a lot to
do

with the feast of tabernacles in terms
of this tie-in
that uh where the ancient israelites
were commanded in deuteronomy 16 verse
15

that for seven days they were to keep a
solemn feast

unto the lord their god in the place
which the lord shall choose

because the lord your god shall bless
you in all your increase
and in all the work works of your hands
therefore you shall surely rejoice
now the ancient israelites were
commanded to rejoice
because of the tremendous blessings that
god had blessed them and would bless
them
physically because of the blessing of
their increase
that's why they were to celebrate and
rejoice before the lord
how much more if the ancient israelites
were to rejoice
because of the physical blessings that
they enjoyed
how much more should we first fruits
israelites
rejoice before god because of the
spiritual blessings
that we enjoy from his hand and that's
what the book of ephesians
is going to show us it is mind-blowing
what the apostle paul has to share with
us in terms of why we should rejoice how
much more we should rejoice
because of the spiritual blessings that
we enjoy
from god's hands so we're going to get
into this over this study over the next
uh
through this feast of tabernacles
i'm going to show you what the apostle
paul was showing the church at ephesus
before we do that let's open with a word
of prayer and today just by way of
introduction
i want to retrace uh some some ground
that we covered
when we did the book of acts because
that's
background for the church at ephesus
and also when we did the book of

revelation there's a verse there
that i want to pick up as well as
background before we get into
uh ephesians proper so let's open with
the word of prayer
and then we'll get into the introduction
to the book of ephesians
our heavenly father we come before you
now
those of us who are here live during
this feast of tabernacles
to rejoice before you father and just to
to celebrate with each other the miracle
that you have been working in our lives
and to look forward with great
anticipation
the return of our lord our savior and
the introduction
of the kingdom of god on this earth we
look so forward to that father and we
know that you do as well
but we know that there's difficult times
ahead and so father we pray that
you will help us to fully understand uh
what the apostle paul
was trying to convey to the church at
ephesus
and we know that some brethren did fully
understand but there were many that did
not
and we pray god that you'll help us to
be among those who truly understand
what the apostle is conveying in this
book of ephesians
we praise you father we praise jesus
christ we we thank both you and christ
and we pray in his most holy name amen
so brother and i want to apologize um
you know obviously i'm not at home
i'm not in the studio and i hope the
sound is very good
i apologize in advance for the video i
know that the the lighting is not great
and um also i got to apologize that for

some reason i'm unable
to share my uh scriptures with you uh so
hopefully you can
turn to the scriptures and and read
along so
by way of background to the book
of ephesians we need to go to the book
of acts
and we'll pick it up in acts chapter 19
and these these chapters are
in the archive where i go into much more
detail
into what is in these the content that's
in these chapters but we just want to
read through it
to get content or context for the book
of ephesians
in acts chapter 19 and verse 1 we read
and it came to pass that while apollo
was at corinth paul and so apollo was
in
ephesus but he went on to uh corinth and
while he was in corinth
paul having passed through the upper
coasts came to ephesus and finding
certain disciples
he said unto them have you received the
holy spirit since you believed
and they said unto him we have not so
much as heard
whether there be any holy spirit and he
said unto them
unto what then were you baptized what
when what unto what were you baptized
and they said unto him unto john's
baptism
then said paul john verily baptized with
the baptism of repentance so yes he did
that saying unto the people
that they should believe on him which
should come after him
that is on christ jesus when they heard
this
they were baptized in the name of the

lord jesus and i said when we covered
acts 19 how pastor murray
often points to this because sometimes
people come into our fellowship
having been baptized in a church where
they did not understand
truly the lord jesus and then the
commands of the lord jesus and how to
repent
and so the need to be re-baptized
and these these brethren were baptized
in the true ministry
of john just that they didn't understand
christ and when we're not baptized to
receive the holy
spirit and so they were very humble and
willing to be re-baptized
so that righteousness could be fulfilled
in verse 8
and paul went into the synagogue and he
spoke
boldly for the space of three months
disputing and persuading the things
concerning the kingdom of god and so
again
when we studied um acts 19 i have
mentioned how some
brethren feel like we should never
dispute we should never debate
we should be quiet we should be
unnoticed and here's the apostle paul
the example of this great
servant of god who for three months
was disputing and persuading concerning
the kingdom of god
but when certain men diverse were
heartened
and believed not but spoke evil of that
way before the multitude
he departed from them and so it's no
surprise for us if we are spoken evil of
if if the teachings we have from christ
or spoken evil of
this is how it was in the first century

this is how it will be
until christ returns so they did
they did not believe they spoke evil of
the way so he departed from them
and separated the disciples disputing
daily
in the school of one taranis so you know
he was uh
persuading uh for three months in the
synagogue every sabbath
after three months then he separated
himself from those people and now he's
in this school of tyrannos
and he's disputing and debating daily
the apostle paul and this is this is
going to be very important context
when we get into the book of ephesians
but let me say
for now the apostle paul
stood in confrontation with evil
the apostle paul was not afraid to
dispute and debate
and confront evil he had an adversarial
relationship
with evil this is going to be become
very important context
and here it is in ephesus that he's
doing this it's going to be critical
context when we get into
the book of ephesians and this continued
by the space of two years he was doing
this
daily for two years so that all they
which dwelt in asia heard the word of
the lord jesus
both jews and greeks so asia we would
call today
turkey so this man's preaching was so
powerful
that all over what we call turkey or
asia
everybody heard both jews and greeks
heard this powerful
man's preaching because he was

constantly contradicting
false teachings he was constantly
contradicting
deception he was constantly in debate
with false teachers
and because of this confrontation
between christ teaching and evil and
deception
all asia heard it and it's so sad as we
think today
if i say turkey to you the last thing
you would think of is christianity
so just think of the amount of slaughter
and torture
and mayhem that that took place
historically
to convert asia from this understanding
of christ
into an islamic country
verse 13 then certain of the vagabond
jews or the wandering jews
exorcists this is again going to be very
important context
when we get into the book of ephesians
and and come to understand
the blessings we have and why how much
more
we must rejoice at the feast of
tabernacles
compared to ancient israel so this is
just important context that we're laying
the ground here
as we get into the book of ephesians
certain of the wandering jews
exorcists took upon them to call
over them this is verse 13 to call over
them
which had evil spirits the name of the
lord jesus saying
we adjure you or we command you by jesus
whom paul preaches so paul's preaching
was just renowned
and now they're picking up on this
preaching their exorcist by by trade

this is what they do
and and they see the power of the name
of jesus and so they're picking up on
this as well
and they now see these people who have
evil spirits they call them over
and they command this the spirits by the
lord the same lord jesus that paul
preaches
watch what happens verse 14
and there were seven sons of one skiva
a jew or a prominent jew and chief of
the priests
which did so so these seven sons of
skiva
they have a reputation their father has
a great reputation
and so they're seeing paul his
reputation growing
they want to jump on the bandwagon what
happens
and the evil spirit answered
and said okay jesus i know
and paul i know but who
are you and the man in whom the evil
spirit was
leaped on them and overcame them
and prevailed against them so that they
fled out of that house
naked and wounded this is
very important context for what we're
going to see when we study ephesians
but let me suffice it to say at this
point as for context
that paul was in constant contradiction
with evil he was constantly debating
falsehood
he was constantly exposing deception and
he was constantly frustrating
the work of the devil and the works of
demons
these men were exorcists
and they were building a profession
around helping people

be exercised or to remove evil spirits
from people
but in reality whatever they were doing
and whatever level of success they
thought they were having
in reality they were not standing
in contradiction with evil
they were not confronting and debating
evil
they were not frustrating the major tool
of the devil and the demonic world
which is deception paul
was removing deception he was enabling
people to see
these men were not doing that and so the
evil spirit
didn't know them these men the seven
sons of skeva
were not doing anything of significance
that would cause the spirit world the
demonic world
to pay attention whatever they were
doing they were in the clutches
of the demonic world they were in
cooperation and subjection
to the demonic world and so now when
they're commanding
this this demon to remove
themselves or itself from this man
this team is like who are you i know
paul
paul is getting i know christ christ
frustrated us christ interfered with our
agenda
and then paul came along and followed in
the footsteps of christ
and interfered with our agenda we've
never
you you have we never see you you're not
on our radar
and so playing with this game and we
have sometimes people among us who think
they can play this game
playing this game and at the same time

you you want to
remove evil spirits from people but at
the same time
you're nowhere to be found when it's
time to stand up and contradict
deception
when it's time to debate and and show
people the false
false ways of their teachings you're not
doing anything
to frustrate the demonic world's major
tool
of deception and yet you want to claim
you're you're an exorcist and you're
here to remove evil spirits
and the spirit world just says look we
know jesus
we know paul we're going to see in
ephesians
how the spirit world must know the
church
but if we're not in contra distinction
to the evil spirit world they don't know
us
and we will get into that when we get
into the book of ephesians but these
people suffered
for thinking they can play games here
for taking all of this lightly
he says
verse 17 so this event this was known
to all the jews and greeks also dwelling
at
ephesus all of this is happening in
ephesus it's background for us it's
context for us when we get into
ephesians
and fear fell on them all and the name
of the lord jesus
was magnified and many that believed
came
and confessed and showed their deeds
this is the fruit of paul's work
contradicting and destroying deception

many of them also which used curious
arts
brought their books together and burned
them
before all and they counted the price of
them
and founded 50 000 pieces of silver
this is massive and this is context
for the book of ephesians the the city
of ephesus
was steeped in these mystical arts
in this demonic world in the in the in
this
idolatry and the work of evil spirits
and witchcraft
this was ephesus and it's in this
context that paul was
in ministry in contradiction
to all of this he was not just quiet
unnoticed
he understood the evil and and and the
contradiction that he suffered
and the persecution that he suffered he
understood
these are human beings this is flesh and
blood
and as he's debating and contending with
human beings
he understands that the real contention
is with the principalities and the
powers
that are influencing the human beings
and we're going to see this play out as
he teaches the ephesians what he
understood
so that they could follow his example in
verse 23
and the same time there arose no small
stir
about that way for a certain man named
demetrius
a silversmith which made silver shrines
for diana
brought no small gain onto the craftsman

so this uh diana is basically the
equivalent of uh semoramus
uh this whole um asterisk
that this these different names it's the
same
religious worship system all around the
world
this this demonic practice to ultimately
have human beings come under subjection
to satan
now this man is making significant you
know
follow the money the love of money is
the root of all evil
so we follow the money and all that um
all those books that people were buying
and
50 thousand fifty uh thousand pieces of
silver
that's a lot of money this this this was
a a trade
that people were happy to give
themselves over to because of the
opportunity to make money
and so this man demetrius he's a
silversmith and he made
silver shrines for diana brought no
small gain
unto the craftsmen they were making a
lot of money in other words
whom he called together with the workmen
of like occupation
and said sirs you know that by this
craft we have our wealth
moreover you see and hear that not alone
at ephesus
but almost throughout all asia this paul
has persuaded and turned away much
people saying that they
be no gods which are made with hands
notice that they don't say
you know we make a lot of money from
this craft not realizing that
the demonic world has hoodwinked us and

kidnapped us and hijacked us so that as
we're pursuing our lusts
we're enslaved to this demonic world
what they don't say
is you know what this paul and the seven
sons of skiva
they have been contradicting this
deception
and so this is why we can't make the
money that we make no
it's paul the seven sons of skeva
whatever they were doing
they were not contradicting evil they
were not fighting against deception
they were not teaching true doctrine
they were just trying to make a
reputation for themselves
paul was contradicting evil paul was
teaching against false doctrine
paul was exposing false teachers and
paul understood
that he wasn't wrestling with flesh and
blood but against principalities and
powers behind
the flesh and blood and that's why the
principalities and powers say
jesus we know paul we know but who are
you
we don't know you you're not on our
radar you don't cause us any trouble
so just because people are running
around claiming to be exorcist
doesn't mean that the demonic world
actually cares about them
even though they would like for their
reputation to enhance their reputation
to make that
the case he says verse 27
so that not only this our craft is in
danger
to be set at nothing notice they don't
care about truth
they just care about their craft and
their wealth but also

that the temple of the great goddess
diana should be despised
and her magnificence should be destroyed
whom all asia and the world
worships now red flag here
if we're getting caught up in emotional
movements
that the whole world agrees with i would
say that's a major red flag
that that probably means we're falling
into the demonic world influence
christians like paul should be
contradicting
the demonic world christians like paul
should be exposing false teachings
false doctrine false worship and we
should be known
like paul like jesus to the demonic
world because of our contradiction
to their teachings because of our
exposing their deception
and bringing down their falsehood
he says and when they heard these things
verse 28
they were full of wrath and cried out
saying great is diana
of the ephesians here we are 2 000 years
later
and we have the same immature emotional
reactions in human beings
why because that's how the satanic world
the demonic world works
it hijacks people's emotions it gets
them all upset
and and in turmoil and hysterical over
their worship system
when it's when it's falling when it's
being exposed
verse 34 and when they knew that he was
a jew that paul was a jew
all with one voice about the space of
two hours cried out
great is diana of the ephesians here's
the hysteria

we think hysteria is new we think this
kind of hysterical
uh um what shall i say this hysterical
whirlwind
that is just spreading through the land
through the world
it's not new it's thousands of years old
this is the influence we don't wrestle
with flesh and blood this is the
influence
influence of principalities and powers
and when the town clerk had appeased the
people so he finally calmed them down
after two hours he said you men of
ephesus
what man is there that knows not how the
city
of the ephesians is a worshiper
of the great goddess diana and of the
image
which fell down from jupiter and if you
go into the archives
uh for the book of acts i go into far
more detail on this
but for context as we get ready for the
study of the book of ephesians
let's understand that this city was
immersed
in witchcraft this city was
immersed in idolatry and the apostle
paul
stood withstood this evil and stood
against
all of these men to contradict their
false teachings
he debated he contradicted he confronted
and today if he was alive today people
would be saying oh he's so
confrontational
we don't like the line in his forehead
he's so confrontational
if he was alive today but he's not alive
today but his words are here
and his example is here and what we see

is
he is known to the spirit world
because of his contradiction to human
beings
because of his debating with human
beings the principalities the powers
knew him as they knew christ now
chapter 20 just a little bit more
context and this is a very important
context as well before we get into
ephesians acts chapter 20 break it in at
verse 17.
so um basically uh paul had kept
the days of unleavened bread uh he he
will not go into
ephesians he when he founded the church
he's now coming back
the people from ephesus want to see him
but he doesn't want to get waylaid
so he won't go to the city of ephesus on
his way back because he's trying he's
counting the feast of weeks
and we had a question last week on you
know did the early church keep the
feast just reading acts 19 to 20 you'll
see he kept
the passover the days of unleavened
bread uh now
he's coming back and he wants to get to
jerusalem
for pentecost so he's counting the feast
of weeks
and he's trying to get to pentecost
before the seven week count
is up so that he can keep pentecost in
jerusalem
so go back into the car archives and i
explained that in more detail
but here in verse 17 of acts 20.
so you see now he from miletus he's sent
to ephesus
he's not going there he's in he's in
militants he's got to get to jerusalem
so rather than go to the city of ephesus

he
summons the elders of ephesus to come to
him
so that he can teach them and from
miletus he sent to ephesus
and called the elders of the church and
when they were come to him
he said unto them you know from the
first day that i came to asia
after what manner i have been with you
at all seasons so he was consistent
serving the lord with all humility of
mine he's contradicting
he's debating he's confronting people
are speaking evil of the way they're
speaking evil of him
and they're saying he's arrogant you
know why does he always have to be that
way he's so arrogant
he's telling look you guys know how i
was i was consistent
serving the lord with all humility of
mind and with
many tears and temptations
which befell me by the lying and weight
of the jews and he knows that we wrestle
not against flesh and blood
so all of this contradiction that he's
suffering he
he's on a higher plane and how i kept
back nothing that was profitable unto
you
but i've shown you and have taught you
publicly
and from house to house so so he was
just open
and he wasn't quiet if paul was alive
today
he'd be all over social media and you
would know his position
he would not be somebody who's just
trying to get by unnoticed
verse 22. sorry verse 21
testifying both to the jews and also to

the greeks
repentance toward god and faith toward
our lord jesus christ
and now so that's all in the past here's
where we are now
and now behold i go bound in the spirit
unto jerusalem not knowing the things
that shall befall me there
so you know satan always infiltrates
religious systems
and here we are with the people he's
infiltrated all the world
but here we are with the people of god
the covenant people of god
and the place where god has placed his
name jerusalem
and he's taken it over and so paul is
saying okay you know christ was
crucified in jerusalem the prophets were
crucified in jerusalem
i'm bound in the spirit now to go to
jerusalem i don't know what's going to
happen to me
because i'm going to contradict these
human beings
who are animated by principalities and
powers behind them
i'm going there and i'm going to just
praise the lord and preach the lord
and contradict and debate and confront
so he says and behold i go bound in the
spirit unto jerusalem
not knowing the things that shall befall
me there except that the holy spirit
witnesses in every city
saying that bonds and afflictions await
me abide me
so i don't know what's going to happen
but everybody who's inspired by the
spirit is telling me
i'm going to be in big trouble when i
get there but none of these things move
me
neither count i my life dear unto myself

and in revelation it speaks of the faithful
being those who love not their life unto the death they have the testimony of christ
the commands of they obey the commands of the lord and they love not their lives unto the death
paul is setting an example here he says none of these things move me neither can't i my life dear unto myself so that i might finish my course with joy
he understands as christ taught that many will allow themselves to be deceived
many will not be in opposition to the deception
and to the demonic world many will be caught up with it and follow false teachers
so he's saying you know i understand what christ taught
i am doing this so that i may finish my course with joy
and this is part of our rejoicing and we'll see when we get into ephesians that we are set up to absolutely 100 percent be successful here
and to finish our course with joy following paul's example
so that the spirit world can say jesus we know
paul we know and these faithful in christ
we know them too but who is everybody else to testify
he says i might finish my course with joy and the ministry
which i have received of the lord jesus to testify the gospel
of the grace of god and now behold i know this is paul taught by christ having the eyes of his understanding

opened he says
i know that you all
among whom i have gone preaching the
kingdom of god
shall see my face no more this is it i
know that
whatever awaits me in jerusalem i'm not
coming back to
ephesus you won't see me again this is
it goodbye
i know this is the end but i'm going to
finish my course with joy
therefore because of this understanding
that i'm not going to see you again
and i'm not going to see the brethren in
ephesus again
therefore i take you to record this day
sounds like mooses
yes it's the same struggle that mooses
had with the ancient
israelites here paul the apostle paul is
having the same struggle
not with first fruits israel but with
the elders
of first fruits israel a warning to all
is first fruits israelites and
especially us as elders
that the same stubbornness that mooses
had to deal with in the ancient
israelites
the apostle paul is dealing with it here
and so we shouldn't be
too uh con confident
in our spirituality here rather we
should be humbled
by this and take warning he says
therefore i'm not going to see you again
therefore
i take you to record this day that i
i am pure from the blood of all men
here we all are gathered and paul is
saying to us
record this day that i paul i'm not
including any of you in this category

you have to work this out for yourselves
i'm just letting you know
that i paul i'm pure from the blood of
all men
by implication not everybody's going to
be pure
from the blood of all men this is
terrifying
there's no more terrifying words that
paul could speak
if you fear jesus christ if you take
jesus christ for granted no big deal
but if we fear jesus christ there's
nothing more terrifying than this
for paul to say i when when the lord
returns
in his great severe wrath
i'm pure from the blood of all men you
may not be
it sends chills what do we have to do to
make sure
that we're on the right side of christ
when he returns
he says that i am pure from the blood of
all men
for i have not shunned to declare
unto you all the council of god
there is a council of god and when we
get into the book of ephesians
we need to understand what is this
council of god whatever it is
paul declared it all unto them he didn't
hold anything back
you know um isaiah says
that the people of god will want
smooth things paul didn't care about
what they want
what they wanted he gave them what they
needed and some of it was
rough but he didn't hold any of it back
he gave them the whole
counsel of god and some of it is really
rough when john when the apostle paul or
john received the whole counsel of god

he said it was like honey in my it was
so sweet in my mouth
but then when i actually understood it
it was
bitter in my belly that's the whole
counsel of god
yes some of it is really sweet but some
of it
when we really understand is really
bitter
and paul didn't hold any of it back he
gave it to gave all of it to them
he says for i have not shunned
to declare unto you all the counsel of
god
take heed beware take heed therefore
unto yourselves so pay attention to
yourself
and to all the flock over the witch
the holy spirit has made you overseers
so the holy spirit is working here on
the earth and the holy spirit
empowers men with certain gifts
and through those gifts the holy spirit
then
uh puts these men as overseers and their
our brother a pastor murray in the
ordination ceremony yesterday
he spoke about ephesians 4. we're going
to get there as we study this book of
ephesians
but he quoted ephesians 4 as we prepared
to
ordain our brother jim into the ministry
and he focused on the word gave
that christ gave that these are gifts
and that is an operation of the holy
spirit with a purpose
for the flock the giving is not for the
men
the giving is for the flock and so it's
an operation of the holy spirit
and that's why a beautiful ceremony
yesterday and great

teaching and so here he says
that you must beware and pay attention
to ourselves as elders and to all the
flock
over the which the holy spirit has made
us overseers have made them overseers
to feed the church of god
you're never going to see me again this
is it until christ returns
and i don't know how it's going to go
with you whether you'll be on the right
side of christ or not but i'm warning
you
the most important thing you can do is
to take heed to yourself
and to the flock that the holy spirit
has made you overseers over
and feed them feed them feed them feed
them
because we are going into battle and the
troops must be nourished
if they are malnourished and they fail
i'm telling you
i'm free from the blood of all men
because i gave the food
i didn't hold back any of it this is
what you must do
to feed the church of god which he has
purchased
with his own blood there is no higher
price to be paid
there is no higher price to be paid he
paid the ultimate price for this flock
you better do your duty of feeding the
flock
now why is he emphasizing this so much
to the ephesian elders
he says in verse 29 for i know this
i absolutely know this this is i have
eyes and i can see
and i'm telling you what i know for i
know this
that after my departing so i'm leaving
now you're not going to see me again

i know this a prophetic understanding
that after my departing shall grievous
wolves
enter in among you not sparing the flock
we wrestle not against flesh and blood
but against principalities and powers
and paul understood this and part of
that
wrestling is to be well nourished
and part of becoming well nourished as
pastor murray
identified yesterday is the role of the
elders
through the operation of the holy spirit
not for the
aggrandizement of the elders but for the
nourishment of the flock
so that they in turn can do their part
and when the grievous wolves come in if
they're well
nourished then the flock can participate
in the overcoming of these
principalities and powers
but if they are not well nourished it
will be so easy
for these principalities and powers to
overcome the flock
and how do they do this through
deception
when satan is bound for a thousand years
the text says that he may deceive the
nations no more
when he's released after a thousand
years the text
says that he immediately goes out to
deceive the nations
this is what these sons of the seven
sons of skiva had
no understanding of that the work
of resisting and overcoming the
principalities of powers
is a work of teaching it's a work of
destroying false doctrine it's a work of
of protecting the flock from the

infiltration
of false doctrine that's why christ
warned that in the end time many
many will say i'm christ
and they'll deceive many that in the end
time there will be many false teachers
and that in the end time many will
follow them
and many will betray it's all around
teaching and that's what these seven
sons of skeva
who wanted to play exorcist who wanted
to dabble and
enhance their reputation they did not
understand what paul understands
that grievous wolves are going to enter
the flock and i'm telling you elders
feed the flock nourish the flock
strengthen the flock
protect the flock from false teachings
as we'll see in ephesians 4
and again which pastor murray
highlighted
in the process of ordinating our or
ordaining our brother
uh jim and and the holy spirit counting
him faithful
and placing him in this ministry
we see he says here for i know this that
after my departing shall grievous wolves
enter in among you
not sparing the flock this how do you
spell tragedy
in all caps it goes further like
as if that wasn't tragedy enough the
tragedy is now compounded
not only will you men be complacent
and allow false teachers and false
teaching to come into the church
that's not the end of the tragedy it
gets worse it goes from bad
to worse verse 30 also
of your own selves paul is looking at
them and he's saying

i'm leaving now and i know something
of your own selves shall men arise
speaking perverse things
to draw away disciples after them paul
is
wrestling not against flesh and blood
but against principalities and powers
and how do they work deception
that's why the role of teachers is so
important
he says of your own this is this is
bizarre he's looking at them and
all the elders are there and you know of
your own selves
shall men arise speaking perverse things
to draw away disciples after them
therefore watch and remember
that by the space of three years i
ceased not
to warn everyone night and day
with tears paul was consistent his
vision was clear
and he was passionate and he made sure
that he warned these people
the risk day and night for three years
so just remember what i taught you and
watch
same thing with the christ said watch
so verse 38 now these elders
after this pronouncement of incredible
tragedy upon tragedy bad
to worse to worst it doesn't get any
worse than this
after all of this teaching verse 38
they sorrowed most of all
for the words which he spoke that they
should see his face no more
just when i thought it can't get any
worse it actually does get worse
how does it get worse that all of this
teaching of the
impending doom that many of them are
going to be guilty of the blood
of men that christ sacrificed his blood

to redeem
after this very strong teaching
verse 38 says all of paul's teaching
straight over their head uh you know in
one ear out the other i was going to say
in one area out the other it wasn't it
didn't even get in one ear just went
straight over their head
all they heard was they weren't gonna
see him anymore
and that's why they sorrowed instead of
soaring
over the spiritual tragedy that lay
ahead
and so they accompanied him to the ship
we're going to study the book of
ephesians together god willing
this incredible start
to this congregation in ephesus
we know that what paul prophesied and
what he saw prophetically
came to pass how do we know because in
revelation 2
verse 1 unto the angel of the church of
ephesus right
these things says he that holds the
seven stars in his right hand
who walks in the midst of the seven
golden sticks candlesticks
i know your works and your labor and
your patience
and how you cannot bear them which are
evil and have tried them which say they
are apostles and are not we always have
that
people who claim to be something that
they're not let your works
show who you are let your fruit show who
you are don't come
teaching us that you're an apostle that
you're a prophet you're a prophetess
you're a great evangelist somehow uh
promoting yourself don't promote
yourself

the brethren will know the works of the
holy spirit always bear fruit
and through the edification of the work
of the holy spirit in you brethren will
tell you
that they're being edified you don't
have to tell us how great you are
the holy spirit will tell us that we're
truly being edified because
as you edify us we'll be able to edify
others
so these ephesians they tried them
which said they were apostles and
they're not and found them liars
and have borne and has patience and for
not my name's sake you've labored and
haven't fainted
unfortunately there's failure
nevertheless i have something against
you
because you have left your first love
and when we read the teachings
that the apostle paul has for this city
of ephesus
in the book of ephesians how on earth
could they have lost their first love
and yet it happened
so this book that we're about to study
to see the
depth of rejoicing that we must have
before the lord
for the depth of the spiritual blessings
that he gives to us that he
bestows upon us somehow the ephesians
lost it
they lost their joy they lost their
first love christ for christ calls this
out
he says then but this you have that you
hate the deeds of the nicolaitans
which i also hate so like five of the
seven
congregations they have good points but
there are some tragic failures and here

in ephesus
they lost their first love unbelievable
and then he says and this is going to be
very important as well as we get into
the book of ephesians
he that has an ear let him hear
what the spirit says unto the churches
to him that overcomes will i give to eat
of the tree of life which is in the
midst of paradise
so there's something about having an ear
to hear
which not everybody has and this is
brought to light
in ephesians as we get into ephesians so
there's a few things that we've covered
here
in acts 19 in acts 20 in revelation 2
that are just going to serve as great
context as we get
into the book of ephesians i'm just
going to read the first two verses
of ephesians 1 and then god willing will
continue
through the feast covering this
wonderful book ephesians 1 verse 1
paul an apostle of jesus christ
by the will of god he's not going around
saying i'm an apostle i'm an apostle i'm
a prophet i'm a
i'm a prophetess i'm a no by the will of
god
he's been made an apostle of jesus
christ to the saints
which are at ephesus and to the faithful
in christ jesus
grace be to you and peace
from god our father and from the lord
jesus christ amen amen amen so all today
was just an introduction
uh god willing will continue through the
feast now to go through this
wonderful mighty amazing profound book
of the letter to the ephesians so i hope

you enjoyed this i hope you're rejoicing
before lord
before the lord through this feast of
tabernacles god bless you
looking forward to uh what we will
uncover together
as we go through this this uh this
wonderful book happy feast to
tabernacles
god bless
you