

LIGHT YOUR WORLD
A Study of the Book of Acts

SAVAGE WOLVES
Acts 20:26-32 Jeff Schreve

"I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be on the alert"

Acts 20:29-31

What does the Bible teach us about the savage wolves?

1. The devil sends his savage wolves to the flock of God.

A. The savage wolves are disguised.

"Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves." Matthew 7:15

B. The savage wolves are deceived.

But evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. 2 Timothy 3:13

"They will make you outcasts from the synagogue, but an hour is coming for everyone who kills you to think that he is offering service to God." John 16:2

C. The savage wolves are distorters of the truth.

... which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction. 2 Peter 3:16

D. The savage wolves are greedy for personal gain.

Many people will follow them in their sexual freedom and will cause others to dishonor the way of truth. In their greed they will use good-sounding arguments to exploit you. The verdict against them from long ago is still in force, and their destruction is not asleep. 2 Peter 2:2-3 GW

2. The church is to be on guard against the savage wolves.

"Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood." Acts 20:28

A. The pastor is to guard himself.

Likewise urge the young men to be sensible; in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified, sound in speech which is beyond reproach, in order that the opponent may be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.

2 Timothy 2:6-8

B. The pastor is to guard the flock.

1. He leads and feeds and cares for the sheep.

"For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God." Acts 20:27

2. He warns and protects the sheep.

"Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears." Acts 20:31

3. He preaches God's grace to the sheep.

"And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified." Acts 20:32

Beware and be ready for the savage wolves.
