**R1036 Rumination for December 01, 2024**

The **T**heme: **The Friends and Foes of Paul.** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *﻿ Demas hath forsaken me…Only Luke is with me* II Tim. 4:10

The **T**hots:

1. **The People Around Paul. II Tim. 4:9-18**
2. Those who **F**orsook Paul.
3. Demas, because of the **W**orld – vs. 10

*For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world.*

What is the World? Rom. 12:2

*Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world,*

*the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh,*

*and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.*

*And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.*

1. **A**lexander, because of his **W**orks – vv. 14, 15
2. He was *Alexander the* ***C****oppersmith*
3. His *“****C****rime” –*

* He **W**orked against Paul: He *did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works:*
* He **W**ithstood Paul’s **W**ords - *Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words.*

1. **A**ll Others – they **W**ent their various **W**ays.
2. *Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.* vs. 10
3. *At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me.* vs. 16
4. Those **F**aithful to Paul.
5. Luke, **F**aithful to the end – *Only Luke is with me* vs. 11
6. Timothy, **F**ollowed to the end. Also #3
7. Those **F**ruitful to Paul.
8. **M**ark, **P**rofitable for the **M**inistry – vs. 11

*Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.*

1. Tychicus, **P**rofitable as a **M**essenger – *And Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus.* vs. 12
2. **The Possessions of Paul. vs. 13**

*The* ***cloke*** *that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee,*

*and the* ***books****, but especially the* ***parchments****.* vs. 13

1. The *Cloke* for the Body.
2. The *Books* for the Mind.
3. The *Parchments* for the Spirit.
4. **The Position of Paul. vv. 16-18**
5. His **S**tatus before Men –Forsaken by them cp. His prayer for them – **vs. 16**

*At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me*

*I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge.*

1. His **S**tanding before the Lord – **S**trengthened by Him: **vs. 17, 18**

*Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.*

Faithful unto Him *–* Cp. His Preaching to the Gentiles.

1. The Lord was **P**resent with Him – *Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me* vs. 17
2. The Lord em**P**owered Him – *and strengthened me;*
3. The Lord helped him *that* *by me the* ***P****reaching might be fully known,*
4. And the Gospel might be fully **P**roclaimed*that all the Gentiles might hear:*
5. And the Lord **P**rotected him*: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.*
6. Faithful in His **P**reservation of him, vs. 18

*And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto His heavenly kingdom*

1. Paul’s **P**raise of the Lord: vs. 18

*And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto His heavenly kingdom:*

***To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.***

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*What is the world to me, With all its vaunt­ed plea­sure  
When Thou, and Thou alone, Lord Je­sus, art my trea­sure!  
Thou on­ly, dear­est Lord, My soul’s de­light shalt be;*

*Thou art my peace, my rest— What is the world to me?*

Georg M. Pfefferkorn

**Points To Ponder:***And ﻿be not conformed ﻿to* ***this world****: but ﻿be ye transformed by ﻿the renewing ﻿of your mind, that ye may ﻿prove what is that good, and ﻿acceptable, and perfect, ﻿****W****ill of God.* Rom. 12:2