

When God is at Work  
Meadowbrook Church  
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Ephesians 19:8-20

When the apostle Paul walked into Ephesus, he was entering a city gripped by darkness.

*For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.” - Ephesians 6:12*

Observations from Paul’s Experience in Ephesus

**1. Where a good work for God is done, it will always be met with opposition.**

*Paul entered the synagogue and spoke boldly there for three months, arguing persuasively about the kingdom of God. But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and publicly maligned the Way. – Acts 19: 8,9*

*I will stay on at Ephesus...because a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me – I Corinthians 16:8,9*

*Don’t be afraid, “Those who are with us are more than those who are with them” O Lord, open his eyes so he may see.” Then the lord opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. 2 Kings 6:16-17*

**2. Where a good work for God Is done, there will always be an attempt to counterfeit the truth.**

*The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. I Timothy 4:1*

Satan tried to counterfeit the miracles of God. Acts 19:13 – 16

**3. Where a good work for God is done, lives are changed.**

*...A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. Acts 19:19*

