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# RE- FLECTING GOD

**12/15/16 - A Wolf In Sheep's Clothing**

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Romans 16:17-20, 25-27

I think I lock my doors every night. But, when I learn that there has been a burglary in the vicinity, I am positive I lock them, even if I have to get out of bed to check them. This was Paul's situation with his followers as shown in Romans 16. He complimented them because they were known for their obedience to the gospel. He emphasized how this brought him joy. But, he wanted to warn them against those who are evil, those who cause dissension for their own gain. They were taking bits and pieces of the gospel and twisting them. Paul was concerned that their flattery and smooth talk would lead his followers away from the truth. He warned them about being gullible.

A doxology concludes Romans. Praise to God is offered because God is able to strengthen believers, establishing them in their faith?setting them on their feet. God, "the only wise God," will do this. He will be praised through Jesus Christ. The revelation of the age-old mystery of redemption is disclosed through the prophets and now made available to the entire world.

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