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WHAT IS A WATCHMAN?



In the ancient world of agrarian societies, large towers were placed strategically in the fields. There, as the crops were ripening toward harvest, a man would stand watch for weeks at a time, guarding the fields from animals or from thieves who would make off with the crops. With the community's basic food stores at stake, the watchman's role was critical to the townspeople.

The Role of the Watchman

Hello Again,

Today we're going to gain an understanding of what a watchman is:

First keep in mind that all scripture is applicable to us today. Whether the context is speaking to Israel or not... it is applicable to Christians today as we learned in the previous study. With this said, I don't mean all promises are applicable today and all Mosaic punishments are applicable today such as stoning. So there are some things in the previous study. With this said, I don't mean all promises are applicable today and all Mosaic punishments are

applicable today such as stoning. So there are some things in scripture we will see do not determine our salvation with the Lord as well as things that are no longer practiced. But again

2 Timothy 3: 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: **17** That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

With that said I'll continue on:

(Emphasis mine)

Ezekiel 33: 1 Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, **2** Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman: **3** If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; **4** Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. **5** He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul. **6** But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand. **7** So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me. **8** When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his

iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. **9** Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

The watchman is called by God. The watchman is a preacher and teacher of the Word. The watchman has a duty to warn people with God's Word about events around them and how it relates to them/us. The watchman will be held accountable if he fails to do this.

(Emphasis mine)

Jeremiah 6: 9 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall throughly glean the remnant of Israel as a vine: turn back thine hand as a grapegatherer into the baskets. **10 To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear?** behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it. **11** Therefore I am full of the fury of the LORD; I am weary with holding in: I will pour it out upon the children abroad, and upon the assembly of young men together: for even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the aged with him that is full of days. **12** And their houses shall be turned unto others, with their fields and wives together: for I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD. **13** For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. **14** They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, **saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace. **15** Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD. **16** Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein. **17 Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Harken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken.****

We see here God says he set watchmen over Israel to warn them. God mentions the priest and prophets were also dealt falsely in sin. Don't we see this today in the World and in America? Verse 17 shows that God calls out a watchman to warn the people. In this instance, there may have been more watchmen (prophets) warning the people, but this book is written by Jeremiah.

So a Watchman is:

CALLED BY GOD

His Duty is to:

Warn people of God's coming judgment

Warn people to listen to God's Word

Urge people to repent

Warn people of danger, "*Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices*" 2 Corinthians 2: 11

Whether people hearken unto these warnings is up to them.

God Bless,

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