

Watchman Part 1

“17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.” (Ezekiel 3:17 KJV)

Watchman is a watchful soldier who stands in his assigned place and keeps watch. Watchman as a definition we can define as the followings:

- 1. Is a fortified defender:*** Someone whose job is to watch a place carefully or protects someone from attack. Is a cover for protection, acting as a custodian caretaker to protect someone or something from harm by something dangerous or unpleasant. He is an accountable person and a sentinel shield.
- 2. Is a guard or a safeguard, to prevent something from being stolen, or to prevent someone from escaping.***
- 3. Is a person trying his or her best to prevent opponent from scoring.***

The watchman is not an ordinary person:-

A. The watchman has eyes to see, and he sees things that others cannot see. He sees deeper and he sees more details and he sees and recognizes certain details that others can not pick up or aware off.

B. The watchman has a mind who analyze, configure, and link facts together and coming out with a decision and proper action to fulfill his or her duties as a watchman. `

C. He or she is a responsible person who is committed to the noble and critical task that assigned for him or her to do.

D. He or she is highly alert and quickly warned: rapid, tactful and wise in taking action with less effort and high yield.

“6 I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence, 7 And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.” (Isaiah 62:6-7 KJV) * Jerusalem for us today is the Church, and as in the past the Lord had posted guards or watchmen around the city of Jerusalem to protect it, the Lord had called every Christian today to be faithful and trustworthy person to watch and care for the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. * As Christ died for your sins on the cross to give you eternal life then he wants you to be faithful and obedient to Him to watch and care for His church. * As the church is expanding and reaching new areas with the gospel, God calling each and every members of the church to be more mature, committed and responsible. Therefore there is a need for

watchmen around the city of God, the church, to be responsible to watch over and give warning, to report, to protect the church members and workers from the enemy and save the people from harm. The posted watchmen needed for the following:

1. Watch your life: ***“16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.” (1 Timothy 4:16 KJV)*** The watchman should keep reading the Bible to build his life through the Word of God and to correct himself or herself when it is needed: ***“22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. 23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: 24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. 25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.” (James 1:22-25 KJV)*** The watchman looks intently into the Word of God and applies what he read. The watchman read the Word of God to see his life and if he is under temptation so he will pray to be delivered from the evil one, ***“38 Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.” (Mark 14:38 KJV)***

2. Watch and pray: ***“2 Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;” (Colossians 4:2 KJV)*** The watchman his ears and eyes are sensitive to what he hears or sees and respond in prayer to each and every situation that needs God’s intervention. ***“7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.” (1 Peter 4:7 KJV)***

“36 Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. 37 And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. 38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. 39 And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. 40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? 41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. 42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. 43 And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. 44 And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. 45 Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.” (Matthew 26:36-46 KJV) Hours before the arrest of Jesus with the hands of the betrayals, He took His disciples and went with them for prayers. Repeatedly He was telling them that He is going to be betrayed, arrested and to be crucified. But most of the disciples in spite of all that they did not reach the stage of maturity to take the warning of Jesus seriously. He took few of them and asked them to watch with Him for prayers, ***“37 And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. 38 Then saith he unto them,***

My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.” (Matthew 26:37-38 KJV) He went and prayed and made His commitment to the Lord, *“39 And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.” (Matthew 26:39 KJV)* Then He went back and saw them sleeping, and rebuked Simon Peter saying to him, *“What, could ye not watch with me one hour?” (Matthew 26:40 KJV)* The Lord wanted from them to be awake and aware of what was going on, but they were not at all discerning, of the grave things that was going on around them and how the betrayal are moving to attack them. Certain times we think that giving to God one or two hours of our time to the Lord that we doing favor for God. The same of what the disciples were behaving at the time that Jesus was about to be betrayed. They were concerned that they will sleep and get their comfort, without seeing the coming threat and danger. Therefore Jesus warned them *“41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” (Matthew 26:41 KJV)* He told them that they were willing in their spirit, but their flesh was weak because they were not willing to keep their commitment and suffer with the Lord. Their flesh was weak and they were not willing to do something about it. When He told them, *“Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation”,* what he meant here is that if they will not be willing to change their ways, then temptations, troubles and falling into sin will come upon them. **This is the message for those who are not willing to come out from their comfort zone and accept to suffer for Christ.** And we know how the disciples behaved shamefully at the hour that Jesus arrested. Some they left the Lord, they scattered, and Peter denied the Lord. **Those who are not willing to watch and pray, they will pass into the same shameful thing that had happened to the disciples.**

After this, *“42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.” (Matthew 26:42 KJV)* Jesus went ahead with full determination, to do the will of God in full. **When people fail God and are not willing to comply with what God want them to pass through, the Lord still has the people who are willing to go through it.** Therefore when Jesus came back and saw them sleeping, He did not wake them up, *“43 And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy.” (Matthew 26:43 KJV)* He did not wake them up because He knew that they were not willing, but He went and prayed the same prayer and made the same commitment, *“44 And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.” (Matthew 26:44 KJV)*

“45 Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.” (Matthew 26:45 KJV) Ironically, here Jesus told them, *“Sleep on now, and take your rest.”* That was another way that He rebuked them with. Then He warned them that the hour was at hand, and what they were not prepared for will come upon them and they are not ready with. Then He told them: *“46 Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.” (Matthew 26:46 KJV)*

We need to take heed of warning and watch and pray. To pray is to speak to God and to hear from God what He wants you to do. To watch and pray is to be ready and alert for the things that God wants you to do for Him.

The message of the Lord to the church in Sardis is another warning message for the church to watch and to do what is needful, *“1 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. 2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. 3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. 4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. 5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. 6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” (Revelation 3:1-6 KJV)*

In verse 1, the Lord told them that they are dead and not alive as their name indicates, *“that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.”* He told them in verse 2, *“Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.”* So Jesus here wanted them to watch and to strengthen the parts that were about to die. He charged them that their deeds were not perfect before God. They did not do what they ought to do and they did not finish their assignments well because they did not heed carefully to the commands and the instructions that they were receiving from God’s Word. That is why in verse 3 He reminded them of what they had received, *“Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.”* They have received the full teaching and all the instructions but they did not implement them carefully and thoroughly in their lives. He told them to go back to what they received and to hold fast on them. He instructed them to repent and to mend their ways and do what was right. He also warned them about what they will receive if they will resist correction; that if they will not take heed and watch to do what is correct, He will come to them as a thief. The meaning of it that He will visit them as a thief is that, first, they will not know which time He will judge them, and second, being coming to them as a thief, it means that He will take away from them precious thing, the same as what the thief will do when he comes to rob.

He further rebuked them in verse 4, *“Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.”* That they should not think that the Lord was hard with them in His instruction, because there were people among them, even in Sardis, who kept themselves pure, which have not defiled their garments, that they did not live in sin, and they will be worthy to walk with the Lord, as He told them *“and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.”*

My dear and beloved: The Lord shall reward those who will repent and start to follow God, “5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels,” (Revelation 3:5 KJV) **Those who confess Christ, and serve Him wholeheartedly**

and fulfill His Word their names will not be blot out from the book of life. But those who persist in their disobedience and not willing to repent, their names will be blot out from the book of life. *“6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” (Revelation 3:6 KJV)* Therefore be accountable to live and apply all the teaching that you received from the Lord. Watch your life and the way you live should be in accordance to the Scripture. Watch and pray so that you can correct yourself as you receive help from God to get delivered out of all temptations. Watch yourself and continue to live in holiness, so you will be fruitful and effective in your service unto God, and that your name will continue to be in the book of life.

My Prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from death to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word that teaches me about the watchman and what the responsibilities that laid on him are. Lord thank you for all the corrections, the rebukes and the admonishments that we received in this message.*

Confess and renounce all your sins to God. Confess and renounce your pride, your selfishness and your non concern to the things of God. Confess your worldliness and your love for material things. Confess your bad stewardship and your wasting your time on the Media and with friends. Confess and renounce your lack of reading your Bible and lack of prayer. Confess your non willingness to serve Christ and suffer for him. Lord forgives me, I repent of the following sins_____.

Lord I commit myself to go on and serve you and be the watchman that you want me to be in watching my life and in watching the things of yours, and in my life of prayers. Lord give me the Spiritual gifts that I need in my ministry to go on and serve you.

Lord forgive my Brothers and Sisters, those who are repented of the sins of negligence, the lack of commitment, the lack of perseverance in doing the ministry, the sins of worldliness and the sins of carelessness. Lord I pray for them to grow, to be mature and responsible to serve you. Lord restore them back to you and make their lives good testimonies to others to follow you. Lord protect them, and provide all their needs as they continue to serve you.

Lord bless us as your church and bestow on us the spiritual gifts that we need to go on and make disciples of all nations. Lord enable us to evangelize and to reach the lost and new areas with the Gospel of Jesus. Lord help us to plant more Bible studies and new congregations. Lord continue to protect us and provide all our needs. Lord we pray for more people to be water Baptized and receive the Holy Spirit Baptism. Lord prepare us for your coming to go with you when you come. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, ‘Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.’ Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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