

Watchman Part 9

What you can Learn from Moses to be a Watchman

“11 And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren. 12 And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.” (Exodus 2:11-12 KJV)

Moses although had grown up in luxurious atmosphere and life but he showed his willingness to leave all that for the sake of God and was willing to suffer for Him. Moses looked on the people burdens. The word looked denote for the watchman ministry who watch other people misery; he was sensitive to discern their suffering and would desire to do something to help them. He watched how they were badly treated and was concerned to do something for them. His heart was with God and was willing to contribute with what God was directing him to do. ***“24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; 25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; 26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. 27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.” (Hebrew 11:24-27 KJV)*** As watchman we need to have sensitive eyes and a merciful heart so we can see and feel the hurt of the people and to be open to God and be willing to be used to help those hurt people and got them delivered.

Moses left Egypt and went to live in Midian. And the Lord provided for him a job and he worked as shepherd. And God gave him a wife, the daughter of the man that received him: ***“21 And Moses was content to dwell with the man: and he gave Moses Zipporah his daughter. 22 And she bare him a son, and he called his name Gershom: for he said, I have been a stranger in a strange land.” (Exodus 2:21-22 KJV)***

“23 And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage. 24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. 25 And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto them.” (Exodus 2:23-25) As God saw the misery of His people, He called Moses to use him as deliverer for His people. **So when God called you to do certain ministry God had seen the misery of some people and had called you to help them to get delivered from their bondages. Be responsive to God who had blessed you in many ways but now he is calling you to do a certain noble task therefore be at God's expectation and start to do His will and finish His works.**

This is the way that God had called Moses: ***“1 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb. 2 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. 3 And***

“Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.” (Exodus 3:1-3 KJV) Moses saw the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. It was a strange thing for him to observe but he grasped it as something need to be investigated and sorted out. He was a careful and discerning watchman that cannot accept what he saw to pass as something ordinary. And here came Moses first encounter with God, were the Lord declared His will and plan for Moses and commissioned him to go back to Egypt to deliver His people from the bondage of sin and Satan.

“3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.” (Exodus 3:3 KJV) Strange things that are happening and passing across your life, you cannot consider them as ordinary things, and it is worthy to go over and see and ponder on them. They might be a new ministry or new encounter with God and they could be God's leading you into a new direction of your life. You are called to be discerning; the Lord might be taking you as He took Moses, and what strange things is showing you they might be His way of calling you to serve Him.

Truly that was God's way of calling Moses. Moses who left Egypt because he was not accepting the injustice and the abuse against the people of God now responded to God's call and he is returning to Egypt to face Pharaoh and to challenge him with God's command to let His people be set free.

The Lord wanted Moses to continue to open his eyes as watchman to be able to see what God had given to Him. ***“1 And the LORD said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet..” (Exodus 7:1 KJV)***

A. God had given Moses authority: “See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh:” God had given him authority over Pharaoh. **As watchman who is called by God you should see and discern the people whom God had called you to reach and had given you authority over them. Many people whom God called they are not discerning to whom people God had called them to reach, handle and deal with. If it is not yet clear to you, ask God to reveal to you this matter, the people that you are called to reach.**

B. God had given Moses key person to help him: “and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet.” **As watchman you should discern and see, who are the key personals whom God had given to you, to help you in order to handle and carry the ministry that He entrusted to you.**

Truly the people of God delivered out of Egypt and Moses with God's help led them to the edge of the Red Sea. But Pharaoh pursued them and wanted to bring the people back to Egypt. They were afraid but Moses as faithful watchman who could see clearly the deliverance of the Lord he encouraged them, ***“13 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. 14 The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.” (Exodus 14:13-14 KJV)*** Here three times the word “see” is repeated: the first is about seeing the deliverance of God, the second is about seeing the enemy, and the third time promised that they will not see the enemy any more. **What kind of eyes you have? Are you a watchman who sees positively or negatively? Therefore and in the same way as Moses as watchman God wants you to see**

clearly His deliverance and to impart that encouraging message at the critical time to the people who are under your care whom God is delivering out from sin and darkness.

And further as Moses was leading the people toward the Promised Land, God said to Moses, *“20 Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. 21 Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him. 22 But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries. 23 For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off. 24 Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works: but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their images. 25 And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee. 26 There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfil. (Exodus 23:20-26 KJV)* Moses as watchman was able to see that he was not alone in leading the people but God presence was with Him in leading His people and that they needed to obey God so that all His promises with prosperous life will come true in their lives. Moses imparted all that to the people therefore Moses took the possession of God’s promises with God’s presence and with His help. *We too need to do the same and impart this teaching to our families and our disciples so all the promises and the blessings of God will come true in their lives.*

Furthermore, Moses as he was leading the people into the promise land saw what God had given them as real and he encouraged the people with that good news, *“21 Behold, the LORD thy God hath set the land before thee: go up and possess it, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath said unto thee; fear not, neither be discouraged.” (Deuteronomy 1:21 KJV)* *As watchman see what God had given you as reality and encouraged others with the good news from God’s promises.* Moses heard God’s command, saw and welcomed God’s promises and imparted that and God’s commands to the people under his care: *“24 Rise ye up, take your journey, and pass over the river Arnon: behold, I have given into thine hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land: begin to possess it, and contend with him in battle.” (Deuteronomy 2:24 KJV)* Moreover Moses reported to the Israelites the fresh deliverance of the Lord, the land that he had promised them from the hand of their enemies: *“31 And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land before thee: begin to possess, that thou mayest inherit his land.” (Deuteronomy 2:31 KJV)* The watchman can see the fresh deliverance of God and help the people to see and believe of that and get encouraged to go forward.

Moses said to the people *“5 Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it.” (Deuteronomy 4:5 KJV)* ** The watchman can see on reality what he learned from God’s Word and linked them with the truthfulness of God’s promises. * As watchman, work with God and watch with Him that His Word will be obeyed so that His promises will come true in your life and in the life of the people that you are leading.* Moses as watchman directed the people to watch their lives to go according to God’s Word as in the following examples:

1. *“9 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons’ sons;” (Deuteronomy 4:9 KJV)* *Watch your life and don’t forget what your eyes had seen from God’s goodness, and impart that to your children, to your children’s children and to your disciples.*

2. *“23 And the LORD said unto Moses, Is the LORD’S hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not.” (Numbers 11:23 KJV)* *As watchman see that what God had said would come true in your life and in the life of the people under your care.*

3. *“26 Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse;” (Deuteronomy 11:26 KJV)* *As obedient watchman see God’s blessings, the fruit of your obedience, and refrain from disobedience to avoid God’s curses.*

4. *“15 See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;.” (Deuteronomy 30:15 KJV)* *As watchman living in obedience to God you will see and enjoy life and not suffering death or destruction.*

5. *“32 What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.” (Deuteronomy 12:32 KJV)* *As watchman you need to avoid neither to add to God’s command nor to take away from them.*

6. *“8 And unto this people thou shalt say, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death.” (Jeremiah 21:8)*

Moses as watchman directed the people to serve God according to His Word:

1. *“40 And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount.” (Exodus 25:40 KJV)* Moses as watchman in the life of the Israelites he imparted to them what God wanted them to know and to do. He instructed them how to serve God and how to make the tabernacle of God in the way that it should be done. *The value of the watchman ministry in the church is to direct the people to serve God according to God’s Word and His instructions in the Bible. Any ministry and service in the church should be based on the description and instruction of God’s Word.*

2. *“30 And Moses said unto the children of Israel, See, the LORD hath called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; 31 And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship; 32 And to devise curious works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, 33 And in the cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of wood, to make any manner of cunning work. 34 And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, both he, and Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. 35 Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work, of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work.” (Exodus 35:30-35)* Moses was able to see the spiritual gifts and the skills to do the different kinds of work at the

tabernacle. As watchman you should be able to see whom God had filled with skills and spiritual gifts and had called for service beside you, to serve God and His people

Moses as watchman was able to see and directed the people to see and discern God's provision in their lives:

“6 But now our soul is dried away: there is nothing at all, beside this manna, before our eyes.” (Numbers 11:6 KJV) Moses helped the people to see that the manna was God's provision for them. They grumbled because they thought it is unfair to eat daily the manna; they were not able to see and believe that the manna was what God had intended for them to eat: ***“4 Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.” (Exodus 16:4 KJV)*** As watchman you should see the provision of God and confirm it to the people who are under your care. Especially this is important in circumstances where people are not receiving what they were expecting.

Moses as watchman was able to direct the people to have a responsible attitude toward others:

A. To bring justice: “19 If he rise again, and walk abroad upon his staff, then shall he that smote him be quit: only he shall pay for the loss of his time, and shall cause him to be thoroughly healed.” (Exodus 21:19 KJV) As watchman you should work and see that justice should be exercised.

B. To love others: “1 Thou shalt not see thy brother's ox or his sheep go astray, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt in any case bring them again unto thy brother.” (Deuteronomy 22:1 KJV) ***“4 Thou shalt not see thy brother's ass or his ox fall down by the way, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt surely help him to lift them up again..” (Deuteronomy 22:4 KJV)*** As watchman should work and see love and that responsible attitude must be build up in the life of the people under your care.

C. To love the enemies: “5 If thou see the ass of him that hateth thee lying under his burden, and wouldst forbear to help him, thou shalt surely help with him.” (Exodus 23:5) The watchman sees and acts in the will of God. As watchman should work and see that responsible attitude, forgiveness and love for enemies must be built up in the life of the people under your care.

My dear and beloved: As a watchman called by God you are responsible to impart to the people what you had received from God's instruction and help them to live and make their lives based on His word and promises and to help them to see God's provision and to develop the right Christian attitude and serve Him in accordance to the pattern that His Word give us. Let us pray

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the Cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for all the teaching, the corrections, the rebukes and the admonishments that we received from you.

Confess your sins and renounce them. Confess and renounce your doubt and lack of faith in God's Word and His promises. Confess your disobedience and your non respond to God's call in your life. Confess your selfishness and your lack of care to others. Confess of your lack of discernment and your lack of discretion in doing God's work. Confess your inability to see God's provision and what He had given to you and to His people. Confess and renounce your lack of love, care and concerns for others. Lord forgive me, I repent of the following sins _____.

Lord I commit myself to be watchful and discerning to see clearly and examine deeply what you are doing around me and for me. Lord I commit myself to live for you and be willing to serve you. Lord opens my eyes to see clearly over who people you had given me authority and leading them for deliverance. Lord open my eyes to see the key personals whom you called to work with me, and who will carry with me the ministry that you entrusted to me. Lord I commit myself to abide with your Word in doing your will and to direct the people and to help them to understand and obey your Word, to encourage them to see the Spiritual gifts that you are giving them and to develop in them the responsible Christian attitude toward others. Lord helps me and strengthens me to do all. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

Lord thank you for my brothers and sisters who repented of their sins and who committed their lives to follow your Word and the instructions we received in this message and to follow the good example of Moses who was a faithful watchman who led your people out from Egypt to the promised land. Lord bless them, protect them and give them the patience and the strength to continue to serve you and direct your people and their families into your ways and according to your Word. Lord reward them and make their lives good testimonies to others to serve you.

Lord bless us as a church, and give us discernment, wisdom and discretion to see through your Word what you wants us to do and to help us to hear your voice clearly to direct us of what you need from us to achieve. Lord thank you for all your provision, the Spiritual gifts and the workers that you added to the church. Lord lead us to use all these resources for your glory. Lord lead us to go and evangelize, making disciples, training workers and to plant more Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord we pray for more people to be water baptized and receive the Holy Spirit baptism. 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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