

Watchman Part 10

What you can Learn from Moses and Aaron to be a Watchman

Moses and Aaron as watchmen directed Eleazar the son of Aaron to watch that services in the Sanctuary are directed according to God's Word:

"1 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, 2 Take the sum of the sons of Kohath from among the sons of Levi, after their families, by the house of their fathers, 3 From thirty years old and upward even until fifty years old, all that enter into the host, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation. 4 This shall be the service of the sons of Kohath in the tabernacle of the congregation, about the most holy things: 5 And when the camp setteth forward, Aaron shall come, and his sons, and they shall take down the covering vail, and cover the ark of testimony with it: 6 And shall put thereon the covering of badgers' skins, and shall spread over it a cloth wholly of blue, and shall put in the staves thereof. 7 And upon the table of shewbread they shall spread a cloth of blue, and put thereon the dishes, and the spoons, and the bowls, and covers to cover withal: and the continual bread shall be thereon: 8 And they shall spread upon them a cloth of scarlet, and cover the same with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put in the staves thereof. 9 And they shall take a cloth of blue, and cover the candlestick of the light, and his lamps, and his tongs, and his snuffdishes, and all the oil vessels thereof, wherewith they minister unto it: 10 And they shall put it and all the vessels thereof within a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put it upon a bar. 11 And upon the golden altar they shall spread a cloth of blue, and cover it with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put to the staves thereof: 12 And they shall take all the instruments of ministry, wherewith they minister in the sanctuary, and put them in a cloth of blue, and cover them with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put them on a bar: 13 And they shall take away the ashes from the altar, and spread a purple cloth thereon: 14 And they shall put upon it all the vessels thereof, wherewith they minister about it, even the censers, the fleshhooks, and the shovels, and the basons, all the vessels of the altar; and they shall spread upon it a covering of badgers' skins, and put to the staves of it. 15 And when Aaron and his sons have made an end of covering the sanctuary, and all the vessels of the sanctuary, as the camp is to set forward; after that, the sons of Kohath shall come to bear it: but they shall not touch any holy thing, lest they die. These things are the burden of the sons of Kohath in the tabernacle of the congregation. 16 And to the office of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest pertaineth the oil for the light, and the sweet incense, and the daily meat offering, and the anointing oil, and the oversight of all the tabernacle, and of all that therein is, in the sanctuary, and in the vessels thereof. 17 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron saying, 18 Cut ye not off the tribe of the families of the Kohathites from among the Levites: 19 But thus do unto them, that they may live, and not die, when they approach unto the most holy things: Aaron and his sons shall go in, and appoint them every one to his service and to his burden: 20 But they shall not go in to see when the holy things are covered, lest they die." (Numbers 4:1-20 KJV) **The watchman should be discerning of how to give with discretion everyone his ministry and how to watch and observe them how they are doing it.** At that time of Moses there are two set up of workers in the sanctuary, the Priests and the Levites. Every one of them had different responsibilities. The Levites here are represented with the Kohathites branch of the Levites. They were

under the direction of the priest *"16 And to the office of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest pertaineth ... the oversight of all the tabernacle, and of all that therein is, in the sanctuary, and in the vessels thereof."* (Numbers 4:16 KJV) According to God's Word every one of them had his own assignment and should not go ahead and do what he is not asked to do. The Kohathites should not come in contact with the holy things, therefore God's advice was the following: *"19 But thus do unto them, that they may live, and not die, when they approach unto the most holy things: Aaron and his sons shall go in, and appoint them every one to his service and to his burden: 20 But they shall not go in to see when the holy things are covered, lest they die."* (Numbers 4:19-20 KJV) As we read, the priests the descendent of Aaron were to wrap everything and then the Kohathites to come and carry. And when they are carrying they are under the direct instruction of the priest who will direct them of what to carry. The key verse from the above passage for the watchman ministry in in verse 17 and 18. *"17 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron saying, 18 Cut ye not off the tribe of the families of the Kohathites from among the Levites:"* (Numbers 4:17-18 KJV) As watchmen Moses and Aaron directed Eleazar the son of Aaron to watch what was going on in the tent of meeting, in order to protect the Kohathites by not allowing them to do certain actions that will be displeasing to God and expose them to death.

How we can apply the above message in the life of the ministry today? In every congregation there are workers of different level of achievement, consecration and holiness. There are those who can be pastors and there are those who can be workers. **The point here that we should not delegate responsibility to people who are not yet mature or who are not yet able to handle certain task without being exposed to danger. Many who are given certain responsibilities in the church they could be not yet fit to the task and when they will start to serve they will do mistakes and wrong steps and even sin that will bring the anger of God and His wrath.**

The Lord is calling us accountable in the matter of delegation, to whom and what we delegate. As watchmen and having the key person position should know what to delegate and whom we to delegate. Paul said to Timothy to do all his ministries, *"5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."* (2 Timothy 4:5 KJV) And he also told him not to be in hurry to lay hands on others to delegate to them responsibilities, *"22 Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure."* (1 Timothy 5:22 KJV)

The following things we need to observe in delegating responsibilities:

- 1. Certain minimum period of time needed to pass before we delegate responsibilities:** Time will reveal certain things that are not apparent at first instance. Minimum 6-12 months before we delegate. Always those who remain with us and for long time they are more privileged for the purpose of delegation. The early church when they wanted to replace the place of Judah they put this criteria *"21 Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,"* (Acts 1:21 KJV) Those who remain with us and for long time they are faithful people.
- 2. The level of maturity and the worker character and attitude need to be observed before delegation:** Certain people they show commitment to the Lord and to the church

but they are still not yet reached certain level of maturity or their attitude cannot be trusted for ministry.

3. The level of commitment of the worker: The worker who is a candidate for any ministry, his commitment to God, prayer life, reading and studying God's Word, his commitment to the church, to his family, to his work and his responsibility toward the society in preaching the gospel should be checked before delegation.

4. After delegating the responsibilities to the workers a period of close observation needed to observe their achievement: A period for example of three to six months, more or less, is needed before we let them to serve and do their ministry alone.

5. Continuous follow up and supervision for all the workers: Every worker needed to be followed up and his character, attitude and maturity needed to be evaluated and whatever needed to be done for them that we need to do so they will be preserved.

"1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto Aaron and say unto him, When thou lightest the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light over against the candlestick." (Numbers 8:1-2 KJV) What God was saying to Aaron through Moses that when he will set up the lamps they are to be in certain setup and direction so that the area in front of the candlestick will be well illuminated. So here God is seeking certain qualities in achieving the service of God or in other word God is seeking effectiveness. The Lord wants you to be effective in your service and ministry. God's light should shine through you to other people who are around you and in contact with you. *"16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16 KJV)* You should live the Word of God and should use the Word of God precisely with the direction of the Holy Spirit so God's purpose through you in the life of the people shall be accomplished, *"15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15 KJV)* The Word of God will bring light into the life of the people and will show them clearly what God is doing in their lives and will show them the way that God is leading them to go and move. When you precisely and effectively uses the Word of God, the people would see that they had left darkness and entered into a bright life and living. When you are in such effectiveness the people when they will sit with you they will experience what Jesus said, *"12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." (John 8:12 KJV)*

"1 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, 2 This is the ordinance of the law which the LORD hath commanded, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring thee a red heifer without spot, wherein is no blemish, and upon which never came yoke: 3 And ye shall give her unto Eleazar the priest, that he may bring her forth without the camp, and one shall slay her before his face: 4 And Eleazar the priest shall take of her blood with his finger, and sprinkle of her blood directly before the tabernacle of the congregation seven times: 5 And one shall burn the heifer in his sight; her skin, and her flesh, and her blood, with her dung, shall he burn:" (Numbers 19:1-5 KJV) Again here the Lord is looking for effective service unto God. From the above scripture the priest are to check the following:

1. What is offered unto the altar of God is without defect: *"Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring thee a red heifer without spot, wherein is no blemish, ... "* (Numbers 19:1 KJV) You should not compromise but should teach the people to honor God with what they offer to Him. What had happened during the time of Malachi should not take place in your life and ministry: *"7 Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the LORD is contemptible. 8 And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts." (Malachi 1:7-8 KJV)* You ought to teach the people to honor God and present to Him the best of what He gave them.

2. Perfection in accomplishing what is required: *"5 And one shall burn the heifer in his sight; her skin, and her flesh, and her blood, with her dung, shall he burn:" (Numbers 19:5 KJV)* * Watch and train the people to do the ministry with perfection. They need to serve wholly (thoroughly). This will happen when people are taught to observe all God's commands and regulations. * Train them to observe the following: *"5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. 6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:" (Deuteronomy 6:5-6 KJV)*

"1 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, saying, 2 When a man shall have in the skin of his flesh a rising, a scab, or bright spot, and it be in the skin of his flesh like the plague of leprosy; then he shall be brought unto Aaron the priest, or unto one of his sons the priests: 3 And the priest shall look on the plague in the skin of the flesh: and when the hair in the plague is turned white, and the plague in sight be deeper than the skin of his flesh, it is a plague of leprosy: and the priest shall look on him, and pronounce him unclean. 4 If the bright spot be white in the skin of his flesh, and in sight be not deeper than the skin, and the hair thereof be not turned white; then the priest shall shut up him that hath the plague seven days: 5 And the priest shall look on him the seventh day: and, behold, if the plague in his sight be at a stay, and the plague spread not in the skin; then the priest shall shut him up seven days more: 6 And the priest shall look on him again the seventh day: and, behold, if the plague be somewhat dark, and the plague spread not in the skin, the priest shall pronounce him clean: it is but a scab: and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean. 7 But if the scab spread much abroad in the skin, after that he hath been seen of the priest for his cleansing, he shall be seen of the priest again. 8 And if the priest see that, behold, the scab spreadeth in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is a leprosy. 9 When the plague of leprosy is in a man, then he shall be brought unto the priest; 10 And the priest shall see him: and, behold, if the rising be white in the skin, and it have turned the hair white, and there be quick raw flesh in the rising; 11 It is an old leprosy in the skin of his flesh, and the priest shall pronounce him unclean, and shall not shut him up: for he is unclean. 12 And if a leprosy break out abroad in the skin, and the leprosy cover all the skin of him that hath the plague from his head even to his foot, wheresoever the priest looketh; 13 Then the priest shall consider: and, behold, if the leprosy have covered all his flesh, he shall pronounce him clean that hath the plague: it is all turned white: he is clean." (Leviticus 13:1-13 KJV) One of the responsibilities of the priest at the time of Moses was to examine meticulously those with skin diseases and determine if they are clean or unclean. If they are unclean they will isolate them outside the

city and if they are clean they will restore them to live with the people. You are accountable to be discerning and see sin in the life of the people and to discern if there is repentance or not. The Word of God and the Holy Spirit will guide you and give you discernment to determine of what you need to do. You need to be able to see sin as God sees it. In the book of Jeremiah and Ezekiel God called the attention of Jeremiah and Ezekiel as watchmen to see the sin of the people as you can read in the following scriptures:

1. *“¹⁷ Seest thou not what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?” Jeremiah 7:17*

2. *“9 And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here. 10 So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, pourtrayed upon the wall round about. 11 And there stood before them seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up. 12 Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, the LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth. 13 He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations that they do. 14 Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD's house which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz. 15 Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations than these.” (Ezekiel 8:9-15 KJV)*

The Word of God tells us of people who fail to see sin as it is. Eve when she saw the fruit of the forbidden tree, she saw in eating them wisdom and did not see sin, *“6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.” (Genesis 3:6)* Eve was not a good watchman. Lot wife did the same when she failed to use her eyes to watch the salvation of God. Instead, she used her eyes to disobey God when she looked back, *“26 But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.” (Genesis 19:26 KJV)*

Why God wants you to see the sin clearly?

1. *To watch your life and avoid sin: “6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.” (1 Thessalonians 5:6 KJV) “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)*

2. *To pray: Jesus admonish us to pray so that we will not fall into temptation, “7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.” (1 Peter 4:7 KJV) “18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;” (Ephesians 6:18 KJV)*

3. *To warn others: As the message that God sent through Apostle John to the church in Sardis, “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.” (Revelation 3:2-3 KJV)

4. *To persuade them and convince them to quit sin: “19 Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; 20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.” (James 5:19-20 KJV)*

*My dear and beloved: * As a watchman is called to protect the spiritual life of the personals, your brothers and sisters that the Lord put under your care to help you in serving the Lord. Therefore, smoothly and tactfully lead them and introduce them to God's service. * As Aaron and his sons shall go in, and appoint them every one to his service and to his burden, you too need to do the same and help others to serve God under your direct supervision.*

As a watchman God called you to offer your life to Him and to serve Him with effectiveness, and to impart qualities and fruitfulness in the life of the people that you are in contact with and ministering unto them. The light of God shall pass through you into their lives, and will bring transformation in their lives as you abide with God's call. 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 your Word that enlightened my mind, taught me how to be an effective watchman who care and preserve the life of the people entrusted under my care. 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 carelessness and negligence in how to care for the people under your care and your wrong strategy to chose workers and delegate responsibilities. Confess your lack of wisdom and discernment. Confess and renounce your lack of perfection and not completing the ministry entrusted to you. Confess your lack of reading God's Word and your carelessness in applying them in your life and ministry. Confess and renounce your non willingness to serve God and suffer for Christ. Confess and renounce your worldliness and your love for material things. Lord forgive me, I repent of the following sins _____.

Lord I commit myself to abide with your Word and instruction and to be responsible to take care spiritually of the life of the people whom you put under my care in the way to delegate to them the responsibilities that are suitable for them. Lord give me wisdom, the discernment and the strength needed to do that. Lord I commit myself to abide with your Word and instruction and to be effective in my ministry, bringing the best of God's service and pouring that in the life of the people whom you placed around me and under my care. Lord gives me the strength, the skills needed and the capability to do that. 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 instruction we received in this message. Lord give me

wisdom and discernment to be effective in the ministry you entrusted to them. Lord give them the patience and the perseverance to be perfected in their service to you and to your people and to complete their assignment in a proper way. Lord give them the fear of you to be diligent to accomplish the ministry you entrusted to them and to care and protect the people under their care. Lord provide all their needs so they can continue to go and do your will. Lord reward them and make their lives good testimonies to others to serve you.

Lord bless us as a church, and help us to teach and admonish your people with your Word and commands. Lord give us wisdom how to manage all our ministries and to chose the right workers and place them in the right places. Lord raise more faithful watchmen and watchwomen who will watch and work with us for your Word and your will to be fulfilled. Lord refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need to go and serve you; to 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 prepare us for your coming to go with you when you come. 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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