

## **Watchman Part 17**

### ***The Watchman is a Good Minister Who Sees God's Plan Even for the Wicked***

***“17 For thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts.” (2 Kings 3:17 KJV)***

The above Scripture was prophesied by the prophet Elisha to the three kings of Judah, Israel and Edom when they went together to fight the Moabites and end up with lack of water. Let us read the whole story:

***“1 Now Jehoram the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years. 2 And he wrought evil in the sight of the LORD; but not like his father, and like his mother: for he put away the image of Baal that his father had made. Nevertheless he cleaved unto the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom. 4 And Mesha king of Moab was a sheepmaster, and rendered unto the king of Israel an hundred thousand lambs, and an hundred thousand rams, with the wool. 5 But it came to pass, when Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel. 6 And king Jehoram went out of Samaria the same time, and numbered all Israel. 7 And he went and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, The king of Moab hath rebelled against me: wilt thou go with me against Moab to battle? And he said, I will go up: I am as thou art, my people as thy people, and my horses as thy horses. 8 And he said, Which way shall we go up? And he answered, The way through the wilderness of Edom. 9 So the king of Israel went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom: and they fetched a compass of seven days' journey: and there was no water for the host, and for the cattle that followed them. 10 And the king of Israel said, Alas! that the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab! 11 But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the LORD, that we may enquire of the LORD by him? And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, Here is Elisha the son of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah. 12 And Jehoshaphat said, The word of the LORD is with him. So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him. 13 And Elisha said unto the king of Israel, What have I to do with thee? get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother. And the king of Israel said unto him, Nay: for the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab. 14 And Elisha said, As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee. 15 But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him. 16 And he said, Thus saith the LORD, Make this valley full of ditches. 17 For thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts. 18 And this is but a light thing in the sight of the LORD: he will deliver the Moabites also into your hand. 19 And ye shall smite every fenced city, and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all wells of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones. 20 And it came to pass***

***in the morning, when the meat offering was offered, that, behold, there came water by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water. 21 And when all the Moabites heard that the kings were come up to fight against them, they gathered all that were able to put on armour, and upward, and stood in the border. 22 And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the Moabites saw the water on the other side as red as blood: 23 And they said, This is blood: the kings are surely slain, and they have smitten one another: now therefore, Moab, to the spoil. 24 And when they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and smote the Moabites, so that they fled before them: but they went forward smiting the Moabites, even in their country. 25 And they beat down the cities, and on every good piece of land cast every man his stone, and filled it; and they stopped all the wells of water, and felled all the good trees: only in Kirharaseth left they the stones thereof; howbeit the slingers went about it, and smote it. 26 And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too sore for him, he took with him seven hundred men that drew swords, to break through even unto the king of Edom: but they could not. 27 Then he took his eldest son that should have reigned in his stead, and offered him for a burnt offering upon the wall. And there was great indignation against Israel: and they departed from him, and returned to their own land.” (2 Kings 3:1-27 KJV)***

The king of Israel was a wicked one, and the king of Judah was accompanying him to go and fight the Moabites. Along with them were the people of Edom. From what Elisha spoke to Jehoram the king of Israel we can discern that God was not pleased with him, ***“14 And Elisha said, As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee.” (2 King 3:14 KJV)***

Elisha was the prophet who had the Word of God as king Jehoshaphat said, ***“The word of the LORD is with him.” (2 Kings 3:12 KJV)*** So he spoke to them the Word of God; that the Lord will save them from the current trouble that they are in, from the lack of water and from the Moabites army, ***“17 For thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts. 18 And this is but a light thing in the sight of the LORD: he will deliver the Moabites also into your hand. 19 And ye shall smite every fenced city, and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all wells of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones.” (2 Kings 3:17-19 KJV)***

Elisha as watchman was able to see the provision of God for those kings and His deliverance for them. He imparted that to them. God for sure was not happy with king Jehoram and for sure God was not happy that king Jehoshaphat went out with the army of Judah to help him. But God delivered them from the lack of water and gave them victory over the Moabites.

Many Christians they live a sinful life like Jehoram son of Ahab, and many Christians like Jehoshaphat they are not wise and are not good in their stewardship, by keeping relationships and support evil doers and put hand and agree with non believers or sinful believers and accept support from them and work with them. Sure we saw that God was not happy with the above kings. But God did provide and help them to get delivered and saved them. Why God still helped them in spite of their shortcomings? Jesus said, ***“for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.” (Matthew 5:45 KJV)***

We cannot question God or interfere with His ways. As watchmen and as watchwomen of God, we might be like Elisha seeing and recognizing sinful Christians and compromising believers. That might caused us grieve, pain, anger, and jealousy especially when we see God is providing and prospering them. But we need to observe what God is doing, be patient like Him, and keep our hearts full of love to bring them to repentance, and continue to warn them to turn away from their sinful course of life. *“43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. 44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; 45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? 47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? 48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.”* (Matthew 5:43-48 KJV)

*“13 And Elisha said unto the king of Israel, What have I to do with thee? get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother. And the king of Israel said unto him, Nay: for the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab.”* (2 King 3:13 KJV) In what Elisha said to the king of Israel was a heavy rebuke to him when he told him to go to the Baal prophets of his mother Jezebel and the false prophets of his father Ahab to inquire from them to get out from the trouble that he was in. He came to Elisha to hear the Word of God so he will be saved. He was also aware that the prophets of Baal of Jezebel and the false prophet of Ahab they don't have the Word of God. These prophets were promoting idol worship and feast offered to idols, allowing immoralities, allowing people to do their own will, they go along the people's wishes and desire in order to please them. **Many churches now a day they do and they are infected with the same**, promoting idols and feast offered to idols; celebrating New Year and Christmas with its Santa Claus, Christmas tree, celebrating birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and death anniversaries, celebrating Father's Day and Mother's Day, Halloween (Harvest), All Saints Day, Valentine's Day, Pastor's Month, and Farewell parties. All these celebrations should be out of our lives. And you can add more to the list, for almost every culture and ethnic group had added certain idols and days for celebration, without any Biblical reason, into the life of the church. As well as promoting immoralities like allowing, condoning and covering up boyfriend and girlfriend, dating, courting, watching pornography, live-in relationship, divorce and remarriage, adultery, multiple marriages and unlawful marriages in marrying non believers, and accepting a single father or a single mother to marry someone other than the mother or the father of his or her child or children. As well as allowing the people to do their own, supporting their pride, boasting and showing off, greed, covetousness, and love of money, wasting and spending too much, gluttony, eating too much, loving food more than God, buying food from restaurants instead of cooking home, loving feasts and celebrations but refusing to fast, worldliness; wasting time on TV, YOU Tube and Facebook. Not dealing with slander, malice, envy, jealousy, bitterness, having grudges, anger, hatred and unforgiveness, laziness, complacency and lack of commitment to God, and serving the worldly things but not willing to serve God. Homosexualities, allowing a relationship between man to

man, and woman to woman, condoning transgender and homosexual attitude and actions, and allowing homosexual marriages. The Scripture in the New Testament warns us against such false prophets, false ministers and false pastors who allow sin to be spread among God's people and God's churches, as what happened and took place in the church of Pergamos, *“14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.”* (Revelation 2:14 KJV) and as what had happened and took place in the church of Thyatira, *“20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. 21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.”* (Revelation 2:20-21 KJV) \* Therefore if you are like Jehoram the son of Ahab and in such a situation and in such churches and you are receiving this rebuke and correction then the time had come to you to repent of all such and come out from all such sinful ways and practices. \* Stop abusing the grace of God and don't abuse God when He is providing for you and helping you which do not mean that He is happy with you or approving your evildoings.

If you are like Jehoshaphat King of Judah and you heard the message, then respond to the message and be warned, and stop to be in company with wicked people and wicked Christians, because one day when God's judgment will be sent on them then yourself also will be involved and get hurt with them. If you had been spared one time or two times that does not mean that God shall continue sparing you if you are not heading the warning. Therefore repent and cut all such ties and relationships with the wicked persons. Therefore you need to move away from such kinds of people; you have nothing to do with such.

We must know also to be comforted that God one day will deal with such kind of wicked believers and bring them into judgment for all the sins that they are doing and their non willingness to repent as He warned the church of Pergamos, *“16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.”* (Revelation 2:16 KJV) and as he warned and did to the church in Thyatira, *“22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. 23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.”* (Revelation 2:22-23 KJV)

**As watchmen and watchwomen we need to guard our hearts, “23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.”** (Proverbs 4:23 KJV) Elisha was called to minister to people who materially were far better than himself. He had the Word of God that they have not. But he guarded his heart well against anger, jealousy, coveting and greed, and ministered to them in accordance to God's will and decision. \* **The Lord may call you to minister to people who are materially far better from you and they have resources that more than of what you have.** \* You need to guard your heart as Elisha did and be protected from worldliness, envy, jealousy, coveting and greed. Rebuke them with God's Word, perhaps they will repent, and minister to them with the grace of God, and declare to them God's will and His decision, His provision, His protection and His good plan for them for their lives and for that particular situation, and His judgment on them if they will not repent of their sins. *“I I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and*

*the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. 5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.” (2 Timothy 4:1-5 KJV)*

**My Dear and Beloved:** The Lord is righteous in all His dealing. To have the whole picture then we must know that God will not allow the wicked to prosper or to prevail. He may allow that for a short time, but finally He will see that His Word will come true and that the wicked will get punished for their wicked ways if they refuse to repent. *“11 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree. 12 Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it. 13 And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see a seething pot; and the face thereof is toward the north. 14 Then the LORD said unto me, Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land.” (Jeremiah 1:11-14 KJV)* The watchman can see correctly what God is showing and doing. He will not miss that the Lord one day will be going to punish the wicked. *“8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.” (Psalm 91:8 KJV)* As watchmen and watchwomen should be able to see how the Lord will dealt with the wicked, *“8 Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth.” (Psalm 46:8 KJV)* So be confident on God and minister to the people, warning them, declare to them God’s message, God’s will, declare to them Christ’s salvation, His provision, His protection, His good plan for them, His second coming and His judgment if they will not repent of their sins and amend their ways.

Lets us pray.

**My Prayer:** *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word that brings me clarity. Lord thank you for your calling to me to serve you and to reach others. Lord thank you for all the corrections, the rebukes and the admonishments from your message.*

*Confess and renounce your sins. Confess your anger, judgmental attitude, and non forgiveness. Confess and renounce your reluctance to respond to God’s call, your reluctance and excuses to go and deliver the message that God wants you to deliver for certain particular people of God. Confess and renounce your worldliness, covetousness, greed, envy and jealousy. Confess and renounce your immoralities and your involvement in feasts offered to idols. Confess your corruption, compromises, condoning the sins of the people and your willingness to please them and your fear of man. Confess you are doing your own will and not the will of God. Confess your yoke with non believers and with those who are called Christians but they are wicked in their lives and conducts. Confess your lack of reading God’s Word and prayer and*

*getting busy and wasting your time with the friends and the Media. Lord I repent, forgive me the following sins \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Lord thank you for giving me your Word and calling me to minister to people who are far away from you. Lord give me patient and clear mind to be able to remain stable in front of all temptations and guard my heart well so I can continually and successfully minister to people in the way that you want me to minister to them, this all I ask and pray in Jesus name, Amen.*

*Lord, I pray for all the brethren that they had committed their lives to you. Lord protect them from all the work of Satan. Lord give them more fruit of the Holy Spirit, love, peace, joy, patience, perseverance, self-control, long-suffering, gentleness and kindness, so in character they will be like you, that people will see you through their lives. Lord continue to provide for them all their needs so they will continue to serve you.*

*Lord I pray for us as a church to be doer of your Word and to accomplish the tasks that you had called us to do for you. Lord refill us again with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need in our lives. Lord enable us to evangelize and reach new people with the gospel and the message of Jesus Christ. Lord enable us to plant more Bible studies and congregations for the church. 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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