

## *Watchman Part 21*

### *The Watchman Should Has Eyes and Deeds*

*A. “1 And Samuel died; and all the Israelites were gathered together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah. And David arose, and went down to the wilderness of Paran. 2 And there was a man in Maon, whose possessions were in Carmel; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel. 3 Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish and evil in his doings; and he was of the house of Caleb. 4 And David heard in the wilderness that Nabal did shear his sheep. 5 And David sent out ten young men, and David said unto the young men, Get you up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name: 6 And thus shall ye say to him that liveth in prosperity, Peace be both to thee, and peace be to thine house, and peace be unto all that thou hast. 7 And now I have heard that thou hast shearers: now thy shepherds which were with us, we hurt them not, neither was there ought missing unto them, all the while they were in Carmel. 8 Ask thy young men, and they will shew thee. Wherefore let the young men find favour in thine eyes: for we come in a good day: give, I pray thee, whatsoever cometh to thine hand unto thy servants, and to thy son David. 9 And when David's young men came, they spake to Nabal according to all those words in the name of David, and ceased. 10 And Nabal answered David's servants, and said, Who is David? and who is the son of Jesse? there be many servants now a days that break away every man from his master. 11 Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give it unto men, whom I know not whence they be? 12 So David's young men turned their way, and went again, and came and told him all those sayings. 13 And David said unto his men, Gird ye on every man his sword. And they girded on every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword: and there went up after David about four hundred men; and two hundred abode by the stuff. 14 But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; and he railed on them. 15 But the men were very good unto us, and we were not hurt, neither missed we any thing, as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields: 16 They were a wall unto us both by night and day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep. 17 Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do; for evil is determined against our master, and against all his household: for he is such a son of Belial, that a man cannot speak to him. 18 Then Abigail made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched corn, and an hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid them on asses. 19 And she said unto her servants, Go on before me; behold, I come after you. But she told not her husband Nabal. 20 And it was so, as she rode on the ass, that she came down by the covert on the hill, and, behold, David and his men came down against her; and she met them. 21 Now David had said, Surely in vain have I kept all that this fellow hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that pertained unto him: and he hath requited me evil for good. 22 So and more also do God unto the enemies of David, if I leave of all that*

*pertain to him by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall. 23 And when Abigail saw David, she hasted, and lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, 24 And fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, upon me let this iniquity be: and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid. 25 Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Belial, even Nabal: for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send. 26 Now therefore, my lord, as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, seeing the LORD hath withholden thee from coming to shed blood, and from avenging thyself with thine own hand, now let thine enemies, and they that seek evil to my lord, be as Nabal. 27 And now this blessing which thine handmaid hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the young men that follow my lord. 28 I pray thee, forgive the trespass of thine handmaid: for the LORD will certainly make my lord a sure house; because my lord fighteth the battles of the LORD, and evil hath not been found in thee all thy days. 29 Yet a man is risen to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul: but the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the LORD thy God; and the souls of thine enemies, them shall he sling out, as out of the middle of a sling. 30 And it shall come to pass, when the LORD shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he hath spoken concerning thee, and shall have appointed thee ruler over Israel; 31 That this shall be no grief unto thee, nor offence of heart unto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood causeless, or that my lord hath avenged himself: but when the LORD shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember thine handmaid. 32 And David said to Abigail, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me: 33 And blessed be thy advice, and blessed be thou, which hast kept me this day from coming to shed blood, and from avenging myself with mine own hand. 34 For in very deed, as the LORD God of Israel liveth, which hath kept me back from hurting thee, except thou hadst hasted and come to meet me, surely there had not been left unto Nabal by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall. 35 So David received of her hand that which she had brought him, and said unto her, Go up in peace to thine house; see, I have hearkened to thy voice, and have accepted thy person. 36 And Abigail came to Nabal; and, behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunken: wherefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light. 37 But it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became as a stone. 38 And it came to pass about ten days after, that the LORD smote Nabal, that he died. 39 And when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed be the LORD, that hath pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and hath kept his servant from evil: for the LORD hath returned the wickedness of Nabal upon his own head. And David sent and communed with Abigail, to take her to him to wife. 40 And when the servants of David were come to Abigail to Carmel, they spake unto her, saying, David sent us unto thee, to take thee to him to wife. 41 And she arose, and bowed herself on her face to the earth, and said, Behold, let thine handmaid be a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord. 42 And Abigail hasted, and arose and rode upon an ass, with five damsels of hers that went after her; and she went after the messengers of David, and became his wife.” (1 Samuel 25:1-42 KJV)*

King David did his part and watched over the sheep and the wellbeing of Nabal. His attitude as watchman went along God's instruction in *Deuteronomy*, “*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. 2 And if thy brother be not nigh unto thee, or if thou know him not, then thou shalt bring it unto thine own house, and it shall be with thee until thy brother seek after it, and thou shalt restore it to him again. 3 In like manner shalt thou do with his ass; and so shalt thou do with his raiment; and with all lost thing of thy brother's, which he hath lost, and thou hast found, shalt thou do likewise: thou mayest not hide thyself. 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 22:1-4 KJV) The watchman should do his part and care for others’ belonging as long as he is in the position to look after and do that. **We should not be careless about the belongings of others as long as it is in our hands to do something. I am not telling you to care for wicked people. But you will know them that they are wicked only after trying them.**

The right attitude is to watch and care as David did. David was not tempted to covet as the Word of God tells us, **“17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.”** (Exodus 20:17 KJV) David expected that the man would appreciate what he did to him and reward him when he will ask him some help. But Nabal refused to offer anything to David and even insulted him. David became furious in response to what Nabal did and even said, **“21 Now David had said, Surely in vain have I kept all that this fellow hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that pertained unto him: and he hath requited me evil for good.”** (1 Samuel 25:21 KJV) David thought that his labor to watch, he and his men, over Nabal’s man property was in vain. But God did not forget his labor. God did to David the following:

1. He did not allow him to fight by sending him Abigail, Nabal’s wife, who convinced him not to fight.
2. God supplied his need by adding to him what Abigail brought to him.
3. God revenged to David by putting Nabal to death.
4. God rewarded David’s toil fully in giving him Nabal’s wife.

The Watchman can see that watching for the wellbeing of his neighbor is not useless. I pray that the Word of God will find a way to your heart and you can see today, as watchman how you can apply it in your life and receive God’s reward and provision for all your labor. **“10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. 11 And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: 12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”** (Hebrews 6:10-12 KJV)

**B. “36 And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat. 37 And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment, 38 And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of**

**her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. 39 Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner. 40 And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on. 41 There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. 42 And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most? 43 Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged. 44 And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. 45 Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet. 46 My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. 47 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little. 48 And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven. 49 And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also? 50 And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.”** (Luke 7:36-50 KJV)

The above was what had happened and what Jesus said and discussed while He was in the Pharisee’s house where He was anointed by a sinful woman. The Pharisee looked on the old sins of that woman but he failed to see her repentance and what she did to the Lord. He was not a good watchman and was not able to see and recognize certain deeds that accompanied that woman’s repentance:

**1. Willingness to serve: The first service to God is our repentance.** Jesus said to the Pharisee, **“I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears”**. **Washing of the feet is willingness to serve; to be servants and not masters.** In **Luke 7: 38** we read, **“And stood at his feet behind him weeping,”** the woman was humble for she came from behind and from the feet side and not from the front. Jesus could see how humble she was because she was in repentance. Jesus was seeing broken heart and contrite spirit from the way she behaved, **“17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.”** (Psalm 51:17 KJV) **Humbleness is required so we can serve. Do you get the message? Humility is needed from now onward. Do not sit on Jesus’ head but be at His feet.**

**2. Willingness to be disfigure and humiliated: “and wiped them with the hairs of her head.”** The woman wiped the feet of Jesus with her hair. She was willing even to offer her beauty and sacrificed it to the Lord. **When we want to serve, in certain circumstances we get more hard time that even can affect our own physical fitness and beauty because we would have less sleep, less food and less rest or we will be exposed to the heat of the sun or the cold of the winter time. But the Willingness to sacrifice must be there.** The woman who wiped Jesus’ feet with her hair, as a girl she care for her hair, wash it, put cream on it, and make it beautiful; but after being at Jesus’ feet she was no more concerned about her beauty but to serve God and care for His things.

**3. Giving much is required:** We need to do outstanding things that deserve recognition. The woman has poured perfume at Jesus' feet. She did not put little but much. She gave much of expensive perfume. We need to give much of expensive things for God. Did the Bible tell us how much she gave to the Lord? In *Matthew 26:7* It speaks about, "*a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment,*" but in *John* it says how much what she gave equal; "*5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?*" (*John 12:5 KJV*) What she gave was equal to one year salary. In *Matthew 26:10* Jesus said about the woman she has done a beautiful thing to Him. She has done a beautiful thing to Jesus; "*10 When Jesus understood it, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me.*" (*Matthew 26:10 KJV*) Therefore we need to do beautiful things for Jesus. Ask yourself now have you done any beautiful thing to the Lord. In *Matthew 26:13* the Lord said about the woman: "*Verily I say unto you, Whosoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.*" We need to do outstanding things that the Lord will approve and commend.

**4. Purity in heart and motive:** In *Mark 14:3* we read of the same story; the woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of spikenard very precious. "*3 And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head.*" (*Mark 14:3 KJV*) The Greek word for 'spikenard' is 'Pistikos', which means pertaining to belief, having the power of persuading, skilful in producing belief, trusty, faithful, that can be relied on. Purity before God is required. As watchmen and watchwomen not only we need to do good work but also our motive should be clean.

**5. Purposeful giving is required:** "*7 Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.*" (*John 12:7 KJV*) Jesus said about the woman, "*Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.*" It was intended that she should save this perfume for a good purpose. So there is a purpose, is to keep aside certain precious things and to be given to God, and in due time. Therefore, we need to be wise in such matter and purposefully do such things.

**C. "4 He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap."** (*Ecclesiastes 11:4 KJV*) The watchman and the watchwoman should not see things and events that would finally discouraged them to do the works of the Lord. Watching TV, news, facebook notifications, these things will bring doubts, anxiety and impeachment to our faith and will discourage us from going forward with the plan of God and doing the good works of the Lord. Be careful then and observe what you are watching, otherwise you will neither plant nor reap good things for you and for the Lord and His people.

**D. "1 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry. 2 And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee**

**of the evil. 3 Therefore now, O LORD, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live. 4 Then said the LORD, Doest thou well to be angry?"** (*Jonah 4:1-4 KJV*) Jonah was sent by the Lord to Nineveh to preach the message to them. After much struggles with God's will he finally went and preached to them the message. But instead of him being praying and interceding on behalf of the city and the souls in Nineveh Jonah got angry with God and was watching and hoping that God would destroy the city. Such bad attitude of the watchman and the watchwoman would hinder and disturb the works of God. Do not be so judgmental and run ahead of God and before the appointed time. You will disturb yourself and trouble your spirit and will not be able to enjoy seeing fruit in your ministry.

**E. "26 But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt."** (*Genesis 19:26 KJV*) Lot's wife disobeyed the instruction of God, "*Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.*" (*Genesis 19:17 KJV*) She should be looking forward to the new plan and the new life that God had for her to be delivered and to live her life in righteousness. But instead she looked back, and that look took her life. "*62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.*" (*Luke 9:62 KJV*) The watchman and the watchwoman are the workers in the vineyard of the Lord. They need to look forward and to do the things that God wants them to do. Those who regress and are unwilling to go forward to do the works they are unfit to be workers for God's Kingdoms.

**My Dear and Beloved:** \* The various examples that we had discussed from the Scriptures teach us and encourage us to be faithful to God and function as suppose to be as watchmen and watchwomen for the Lord and do noble works and with good motives obeying the commands of God and His will in our lives. \* We are taught in all these examples not to be entangled and entertain wrong thoughts which are neither fruitful nor effective in the ministry and service unto the Lord. \* Therefore, wake up, watch yourself carefully and repent so you will be able to see things as God sees and function fruitfully for His glory.

Let 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 the various Scriptures that I received in this message that brought revival in my life and thank you for the teaching, the correction and the rebuke we received from your Word.

Confess and renounce all your sins. Confess your anger, lack of self-control, greed and selfishness. Confess your judgmental approach and looking down on others. Confess your pride and arrogance. Confess your non willingness to give to God and to serve Him. Confess your non willingness to do the good works that God had prepared for you to do. Confess your worldliness, immoralities and wasting your time on the Media and friends. Confess your non willingness to give to God and to His work. Confess your lack of reading the Bible and your lack of prayer. Lord I repent, forgive me the following sins \_\_\_\_\_.

Lord thank you for your encouraging Word to me. Lord thank you for revealing to me my sins and my shortcomings. Lord I repent from the following sins \_\_\_\_\_. Lord cleanses my mind and purifies me from all unrighteousness. I commit myself to continue to do

*good and will not be overcome by evil because I know Lord that you will be the one to reward me and return to me what is due for me. Lord I commit myself to look forward, hearing your voice leading me to do your will and finishing your work. Lord, keep reminding me of your Word especially in time of testing and give me perseverance to continue to obey you and do your will. Lord enable me, provide for me and protect me to continue to serve you.*

*Lord, I pray for all my Brothers and Sisters who had committed their lives to you. Lord continue to open their eyes to see things in the way you see them. Lord continue to lead them to do the good works that you prepared for them to do and make of them watchmen and watchwomen who are fruitful and good example to others to follow.*

*Lord, bless us as your church, and help us to continue to do your will and to teach your people and guide them with your plan and purpose in their lives. Lord bring more workers to serve you with us. Lord lead us to train others and to go forward to evangelize and to reach new people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and with the message of God's Word. Lord, we pray that you will enable us to plant new Bible studies and new congregations for the church. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord prepare us for your coming to be ready when you come to take us. 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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