

## Watchman Part 29

*The Watchman is Able to See the Glory of God and His Kingdom before Tastes Death*

*“1 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power. 2 And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them. 3 And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them. 4 And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus. 5 And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. 6 For he wist not what to say; for they were sore afraid. 7 And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him. 8 And suddenly, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, save Jesus only with themselves. 9 And as they came down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, till the Son of man were risen from the dead. 10 And they kept that saying with themselves, questioning one with another what the rising from the dead should mean.” (Mark 9:1-10 KJV)*

*“1 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.” (Mark 9:1 KJV)* That what Jesus said to His disciples and after six days he took few of them up to a mountain and there He transfigured in front of them and met Moses and Elijah. The disciples whom Jesus took with him saw and heard things not of the earth but of the Heaven. At first instant they were not able to describe of what was going on and even were not able to grasp what they needed to do. When they went down they were commissioned by the Lord not to speak about what they witnessed of God's kingdom till He will rise from the death. They saw part of the kingdom of God and they were given the mission to witness to the people the resurrection of Jesus from death.

Jesus said, *“That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.”* As watchmen and watchwomen the Lord will reveal to us Himself and the kingdom of God with power and with sign and wonders while we are on earth in order for us to see, believe, to be commissioned and go on our mission serving the Lord and achieving the task entrusted to us.

The Scriptures in the Old and New Testaments speak about watchmen and watchwomen who saw the kingdom of God before they would see death. The Lord is doing the same till this day. Further Scriptures will read and study so you will grasp the calling and the mission of God in your life;

**A. The calling of Gideon:** The Lord called Gideon and revealed Himself to him. Gideon realized that he was encountering some Heavenly things. *“16 And the LORD said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the*

*Midianites as one man. 17 And he said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, then shew me a sign that thou talkest with me. 18 Depart not hence, I pray thee, until I come unto thee, and bring forth my present, and set it before thee. And he said, I will tarry until thou come again. 19 And Gideon went in, and made ready a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of flour: the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out unto him under the oak, and presented it. 20 And the angel of God said unto him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay them upon this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so. 21 Then the angel of the LORD put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then the angel of the LORD departed out of his sight. 22 And when Gideon perceived that he was an angel of the LORD, Gideon said, Alas, O LORD God! for because I have seen an angel of the LORD face to face. 23 And the LORD said unto him, Peace be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die. 24 Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovahshalom: unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.” (Judges 6:16-24)* Gideon met the Lord face to face and experienced the kingdom of God and he was commissioned to lead the Israelites and deliver them from the power of Midian. **When God reveals Himself to you and calling you to serve Him then you are experiencing the kingdom of God.**

**B. The Call of Sampson's parents:** God revealed Himself to Manoah and his wife who was barren. The Lord sent His angel to her to proclaim to her to be prepared to be a pregnant with a Nazirite child. The angel appeared to them once again in response to Manoah's prayer to explain to them how they needed to raise up the child. *“17 And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, What is thy name, that when thy sayings come to pass we may do thee honour? 18 And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it is secret? 19 So Manoah took a kid with a meat offering, and offered it upon a rock unto the LORD: and the angel did wonderfully; and Manoah and his wife looked on. 20 For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife looked on it, and fell on their faces to the ground. 21 But the angel of the LORD did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was an angel of the LORD. 22 And Manoah said unto his wife, We shall surely die, because we have seen God. 23 But his wife said unto him, If the LORD were pleased to kill us, he would not have received a burnt offering and a meat offering at our hands, neither would he have shewed us all these things, nor would as at this time have told us such things as these. 24 And the woman bare a son, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, and the LORD blessed him.” (Judges 13:17-24)* So here God's kingdom was revealed to this couple to be commissioned to raise a Godly child for the Lord. **God is revealing Himself to people and families in order to follow Him and raise their children in a Godly way. God through this message is speaking to you to dedicate your life for Him and to raise your children in a Godly way to be used by Him in His service.**

**C. When Isaiah saw the Lord:** *“1 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. 2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. 3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. 4 And the posts of the*

*door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. 6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar 7 And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. 8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.” (Isaiah 6:1-8 KJV)*

Isaiah in this passage was able to see the Lord in a vision sitting on His throne with the seraphims calling to one another, *“Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.”* Isaiah cried, *“Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.” (Isaiah 6:5 KJV)*

That vision was God’s glory manifested in his life and he tasted the kingdom of God. When Isaiah saw that vision, he saw more than a vision. As a watchman he was able to see further things:

1. He saw that he was a man and he recognized his actual size in comparison to God, *“3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.” (Romans 12:3 KJV)* **When God reveals to you His kingdom you will humble down and realize your small size before God.**
2. He was able to see that he was not better than other men around him. He saw clearly his limitations in comparing that to God. **When God reveals to you His kingdom you will clearly see your limitations before God.**
3. He was able to see that he was a sinful man like other people around him, when he saw the glory and the holiness of God.
4. He was able to see in particular his sin, *“because I am a man of unclean lips,”* and he repented of it. **When God reveals to you His kingdom you will be able to see your sins clearly and repent of them.**

In response to his repentance Isaiah received the following:

1. *The forgiveness of his sins: “6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar 7 And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.” (Isaiah 6:6-7 KJV)*
2. *He was commissioned to go and preach the message to the people of Israel: “8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.” (Isaiah 6:8 KJV)* **As your sins are forgiven by the blood of Jesus, therefore go and preach the gospel to all nations.**

*D. The calling of Peter: “1 And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, 2 And saw two ships*

*standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. 3 And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. 4 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. 5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. 6 And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. 7 And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. 8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. 9 For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: 10 And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. 11 And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.” (Luke 5:1-11)*

Simon Peter in this passage was able to see the glory of God and His miracle in His life. The Word of God tells us that *“When Simon Peter saw it” (Luke 5:8 KJV)* His eyes were opened, and as a watchman was able to see and recognized the following:

1. That God had sent His Son Jesus to save His life.
2. That Jesus entered his boat in order to help him.
3. That God’s blessing and provision entered his life only when he humbled down and applied the instruction of Jesus in his life.
4. He recognized the big catch of fish was a great miracle of God in his life.
5. He was able to see that his sin was a hindrance for him to receive God’s blessings.
6. He was able to see his sin clearly, *“he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” (Luke 5:8 KJV)* The lack of faith and the lack of putting full trust on God and obey Him was his sin.

But Jesus affirmed His love toward Peter and accepted his repentance and assured him with these words, *“Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.” (Luke 5:10 KJV)*

**When men see the glory of God in their lives, they repent of their sins, and with their repentance God would call them and appoint them to serve Him and bring people to His kingdom and in such they see and taste the kingdom of God.**

*E. The crowd who did not see the glory of the Lord and did not taste His Kingdom: “16 And when even was now come, his disciples went down unto the sea, 17 And entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was now dark, and Jesus was not come to them. 18 And the sea arose by reason of a great wind that blew. 19 So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship: and they were afraid. 20 But he saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid. 21 Then they willingly received him into the ship: and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went. 22 The day following, when the people which stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was none other boat there, save that one whereinto his disciples were entered, and that Jesus went not with his disciples into the boat, but that his*

disciples were gone away alone; 23 (Howbeit there came other boats from Tiberias nigh unto the place where they did eat bread, after that the Lord had given thanks:) 24 When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus. 25 And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither? 26 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. 27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed. 28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? 29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. 30 They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work?" (John 6:16-30 KJV)

In this passage of *John 6* we are seeing the crowd around Jesus; miraculously He fed them with bread. They came to know and concluded that He walked on the water to reach His disciples and then after continued with them to the next shore. But they were still blind and were not able to see the glory of God with all the miracles that He did in front of them. Jesus recognized that and told them when they reached Him: "26 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled." (John 6:26 KJV) The people ate the bread and the fish that Jesus multiplied but they did not consider that as a miracle. They were spiritually blinded. That was why they asked Him, "What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?" (John 6:30 KJV) Multiplying the bread and the fish and walking on the water was still not miracles for them. They were still not able to see His kingdom and that He is God.

They were not able to see the glory of the Lord and could not tasted His kingdom in what He did. Further in their unbelief they argued with Him as He expounded to them the spiritual blindness that the crowd was in, including even his disciples, "60 Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?" (John 6:60 KJV) They were having eyes but they were not able to see the glory of God. Their stubbornness hindered them from seeing and enjoying the glory of God and His kingdom. Jesus saw the spiritual blindness that they were in; therefore He told them further the following: "61 When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you? 62 What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?" (John 5:61-62 KJV) Jesus wanted to find out the true followers of Him and those who were not willing to follow, and *John 6* end up with a clear conclusion:

1. A group who were blind and not willing to see and follow Him: "66 From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him." (John 6:66 KJV)
2. A group who were willing to continue to abide with the Lord and His Word: "67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? 68 Then Simon Peter

answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. 69 And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God." (John 6:67-69 KJV)

*F. The calling of Paul:* God when He called Saul to serve Him he was among a group of people, but Saul only grasped the call of God, "3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: 4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? 5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. 6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. 7 And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man. 8 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus. 9 And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink." (Acts 9:3-9) God's kingdom revealed to Saul and not to his companions. He said, "9 And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me." (Acts 22:9 KJV) To experience seeing the kingdom of God while you are on earth has a purpose as you can read here what was the purpose of that Heavenly visitation upon Saul, "14 And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth. 15 For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard." (Acts 22:14-15 KJV) God's kingdom when revealed to us is in order for us to hear His voice, to know and to live according to His will, and to be a witness for Him to all men of what we heard and seen from Him.

God further said to Paul and to us the purpose of Him revealing His kingdom to us, "16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; 17 Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, 18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me." (Acts 26:16-18 KJV) As true watchmen and watchwomen who witnessed the kingdom of God on earth we are accountable to go forth and do the mission of God that He entrusted to us. As you go forward people who live in darkness will come back to the Lord, their eyes will be opened and will be able to see the truth. God will use you and through your service unto Him God will call people into His Kingdom, as you commit yourself to God.

*G. The Blind Pharisees:* "39 And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind." (John 9:39 KJV) Jesus said that in link to the miracle that He did when He opened the eyes of a blind man who was blind from birth. Jesus said that because the Pharisees questioned that miracle, put that man out of their synagogue, and wanted to divert the people from believing on Jesus and from following Him. "40 And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? 41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth." (John 9:40-41 KJV)



**My Dear and Beloved:** Respond to the message; accept the truth that God is revealing Himself and His kingdom perhaps every day in your life. Repent from your own ways and your own understanding, and come to God as a watchman who can see and hear God, so He will receive you and will commission you to serve Him, and you will be a fruitful person in His kingdom. Let us pray . . . .

**My Prayer:** Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for revealing to me yourself and your kingdom while I am on earth. Lord thank you for revealing to me facts and truth from your Word. Lord thank you for opening my eyes and now I can see your glory and love in all the miracles that you are doing in my life and in the life of the people around me and in the world that through them I saw your kingdom. Lord thank you for all the teaching the corrections and the rebukes I received in this message.

Confess and renounce your sins. Confess your stubbornness, disobedience and your spiritual blindness. Confess your worldliness and your love for material things. Confess and renounce all the works of the flesh in your life. Confess your non willingness to discipline your children and raise them in a Godly manner. Confess and renounce doing your own will and plan and not the will nor the plan of God in your life. Confess your non willingness to do the hard works to obey God and do the ministry that He asked you to do. Confess your non willingness to suffer and be persecuted for the sake of Christ. Confess your lack of compassion and your non concern to reach out the lost souls with the gospel of Jesus. Lord forgive me, I confess and renounce the following sins \_\_\_\_\_.

Lord I commit myself to go on and serve you and be a witness to you to all men of what I heard and seen. Lord receive me, and commission me as you commissioned Isaiah, Peter, Paul and the rest of your disciples and apostles. Lord uphold me with your grace and provide for me and protect me to go on and do your will. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

Lord thank you for my brothers and sisters who revealed yourself to them and who tasted your kingdom before death, and who committed their lives to your calling in their lives. Lord use them to reach the lost and bring souls into your kingdom. Lord protect them, provide for them and help them to continue to serve you.

Lord bless us as your church and help us to continue to motivate others and mobilize them to go and serve you and get involved in your works. Lord we ask you to pour out your Holy Spirit on us, with miracles and wonders and in giving visions and dreams, and the Spiritual gifts that we need to go and evangelize and make new disciples. Lord enable us to plant new Bible studies and new congregations for the church. Lord we pray for more people to be water baptized and more workers to receive the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord prepare us for your coming that when you come we are ready to go with you. 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. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all in Jesus' name, Amen.

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