

I Have Set Thee a Watchman Ezekiel 33:1-16

1. The Requirement for a Spiritual Watchman

Ezekiel 33:1-2 – “Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, **When I bring the sword upon a land**, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman”

2. The Reality of the Spiritual Watchman

Ezekiel 33:2 – “Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, **When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman**”

Ezekiel 33:7 – “So thou, O son of man, **I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.**”

Hebrews 13:17 – “Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: **for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.**”

3. The Representation of the Spiritual Watchman

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4. The Responsibility of the Spiritual Watchman

A. To watch for the coming judgment of the Lord.

Ezekiel 33:2-3 – “Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, **When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman: if when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people**”

B. To warn the people concerning their sinfulness

1) With forceful clarity.

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2) According to God's Word.

Ezekiel 33:7 – “So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; **therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.**”

3) To turn from their sinful ways.

*When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; **if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.***”

5. The Rejection of the Spiritual Watchman

Ezekiel 33:4-5a – “Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, **and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him.**”

6. The Reception of the Spiritual Watchman

Ezekiel 33:5b – “**But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul.**”

7. The Release of the Spiritual Watchman

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Ezekiel 33:9 – “Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; **but thou hast delivered thy soul.**”

8. The Rebellion of a Spiritual Watchman

Ezekiel 33:6 – “**But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.**”

Ezekiel 33:8 – “When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; **if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.**”

9. The Reason for a Spiritual Watchman

Ezekiel 33:10-11 – “Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel; Thus ye speak, saying, If our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live? Say unto them, **As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?**”

10. The Report of the Spiritual Watchman

A. With the truth of righteousness

Ezekiel 33:12 – “*Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, **The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth.***”

B. With a warning against recklessness

Ezekiel 33:13 – “*When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; **if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it.***”

C. With a call to repentance

Ezekiel 33:14-15 – “*Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; **if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right; if the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die.***”

D. With a promise of revival

Ezekiel 33:14-16 – “*Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right; if the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; **he shall surely live, he shall not die. None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.***”