

## **“Set Thee a Watchman”**

### **Ezekiel 33:1-11**

Throughout history, cities would build tall walls around their city or castle for protection. Almost inevitably, each city or castle would have at least one tower stretching up towards the sky. In this tower, the people would entrust a person to be a lookout for anything that would threaten the safety of those inside. The person was known as the watchman. There were several people that would take turns at the post to ensure complete safety twenty-four hours a day/seven days a week. The Lord places such a responsibility on the prophet Ezekiel to warn the people of the what is to come if they do not repent of their sin and turn to the Lord. Verse 7 is the key verse to the Lord's command to Ezekiel, the watchman. How can we in our day, as Christians, be a watchman?

Things about the Watchman:

#### 1. The Person (vs. 2)

- He was chosen by the king or general. 2 Cor. 5:20-21, We are to be ambassadors of Christ.
- He knew the land and borders. How well do we know our Savior or our Bible?

#### 2. The Position

- It was strategically positioned to protect the city.
- God has purposefully placed you in the city, job, circumstance, family and friends you have.

#### 3. The Responsibility (vs. 3)

- The job of the watchman is to be on the lookout and warn the people.
- We are to warn the lost of dying without Christ. Matt. 5:13-16, Luke 19:10, 2 Cor. 4:3-7
- We are to warn believers of sin and deception. Ezekiel 3:19-21 & Matt. 18:15
- The Negative Aspect, vs. 6: The city isn't warned and the people are destroyed. This is the watchman's fault. We see our responsibility in verse 8.
- Out of sight, out of mind won't cut it. Revelation 20:11-21:4
- The Positive Aspect, (vss. 4-5, 9): Once the watchman obeys, the responsibility is off him.
- Example: Paul in acts 20:26-27, what a testimony!

#### 4. The Plan (vss. 10-11)

- How? Compassion, Jude 22 & Matt. 9:36-38

Simply put, our job is to lookout for people to warn about their eternal soul and their walk with Christ. You may say that you don't have great talents or abilities, but we have to remember who redeemed us. He knows us better than we know ourselves. He knows the opportunities to warn that will come to you. Remember, our purpose is to glorify God. Can you really say that I glorify God if you don't warn people about Hell?

“There is nothing beneath the moon worth a man lifting his hand for except the glory of God; and God is best glorified by the conversation of men.” - Charles Spurgeon