

Watchman Part 13

What you can learn from Moses to be a Watchman Section D - The Priests as Watchmen.

Numbers 8:1-2 *"1 The LORD said to Moses, 2 "Speak to Aaron and say to him, 'When you set up the seven lamps, they are to light the area in front of the lampstand." What God was saying to Aaron through Moses that when he will set up the lamps they are to be in certain setup and direction so that the area in front of the lampstand will be well illuminated. So here God is seeking certain qualities in achieving the service of God or in other words God is seeking effectiveness. The Lord wants you to be effective in your service and ministry. God's light should shine through you to other people who are around you and in contact with you. "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16) You should live the word of God and should use the word of God precisely with the direction of the Holy Spirit so God's purpose through you in the life of the people shall be accomplished, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15) The word of God will bring light into the life of the people and will show them clearly what God is doing in their lives and will show them the way that God is leading them to go and move. When you precisely and effectively uses the word of God, the people would see that they had left darkness and entered into a bright life and living. When you are in such effectiveness the people when they will sit with you they will experience what Jesus said in **John 8:12** "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

1 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron: 2 "This is a requirement of the law that the LORD has commanded: Tell the Israelites to bring you a red heifer without defect or blemish and that has never been under a yoke. 3 Give it to Eleazar the priest; it is to be taken outside the camp and slaughtered in his presence. 4 Then Eleazar the priest is to take some of its blood on his finger and sprinkle it seven times toward the front of the Tent of Meeting. 5 While he watches, the heifer is to be burned--its hide, flesh, blood and offal." (Numbers 19:1-5) Again here the Lord is looking for effective service unto God. From the above scripture the priest are to check the following:

1- What is offered unto the altar of God is without defect: "Tell the Israelites to bring you a red heifer without defect or blemish ..." You should not compromise but should teach people to honour God with what they offer to Him. What had happened during the time of Malachi should not take place in your life and ministry **"7 You place defiled food on my altar. "But you ask, 'How have we defiled you?' "By saying that the LORD's table is contemptible. 8 When you bring blind animals for sacrifice, is that not wrong? When you sacrifice crippled or diseased animals, is that not wrong? Try offering them to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you?" says the LORD Almighty." (Malachi 1:7-8)** You ought to teach the people to honor God and present to Him the best of what He gave them.

2- Perfection in accomplishing what is required: "While he watches, the heifer is to be burned--its hide, flesh, blood and offal." (Numbers 19:5) Watch and train the people to do the ministry with perfection. They need to serve wholly (thoroughly). This will happen when

people are taught to observe all God's commands and regulations. Train them to observe **Deuteronomy 6:5-6** *"5 Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts."*

"1 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, 2 "When anyone has a swelling or a rash or a bright spot on his skin that may become an infectious skin disease, he must be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons who is a priest. 3 The priest is to examine the sore on his skin, and if the hair in the sore has turned white and the sore appears to be more than skin deep, it is an infectious skin disease. When the priest examines him, he shall pronounce him ceremonially unclean. 4 If the spot on his skin is white but does not appear to be more than skin deep and the hair in it has not turned white, the priest is to put the infected person in isolation for seven days. 5 On the seventh day the priest is to examine him, and if he sees that the sore is unchanged and has not spread in the skin, he is to keep him in isolation another seven days. 6 On the seventh day the priest is to examine him again, and if the sore has faded and has not spread in the skin, the priest shall pronounce him clean; it is only a rash. The man must wash his clothes, and he will be clean. 7 But if the rash does spread in his skin after he has shown himself to the priest to be pronounced clean, he must appear before the priest again. 8 The priest is to examine him, and if the rash has spread in the skin, he shall pronounce him unclean; it is an infectious disease. 9 "When anyone has an infectious skin disease, he must be brought to the priest. 10 The priest is to examine him, and if there is a white swelling in the skin that has turned the hair white and if there is raw flesh in the swelling, 11 it is a chronic skin disease and the priest shall pronounce him unclean. He is not to put him in isolation, because he is already unclean. 12 "If the disease breaks out all over his skin and, so far as the priest can see, it covers all the skin of the infected person from head to foot, 13 the priest is to examine him, and if the disease has covered his whole body, he shall pronounce that person clean. Since it has all turned white, he is clean." (Leviticus 13:1-13) One of the responsibilities of the priest at the time of Moses is to examine meticulously those with skin diseases and determine if they are clean or unclean. If they are unclean they will isolate them outside the city and if they are clean they will restore them to live with the people. You are accountable to be discerning and see sin in the life of the people and to discern if there is repentance or not. The word of God and the Holy Spirit will guide you and give you discernment to determine of what you need to do. You need to be able to see sin as God sees them. In the book of Jeremiah and Ezekiel God called the attention of Jeremiah and Ezekiel as watchmen to see the sin of the people as you can read in the following scriptures:

1-Jeremiah 7:17 *"Do you not see what they are doing in the towns of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?"*

2- Ezekiel 8:9 *"And he said to me, "Go in and see the wicked and detestable things they are doing here."*

3- Ezekiel 8:12 *"He said to me, "Son of man, have you seen what the elders of Israel are doing in the darkness, each at the shrine of his own idol? They say, 'The Lord does not see us; the Lord has forsaken the land.'"*

4- Ezekiel 8:13 *"Again, he said, "You will see them doing things that are even more detestable."*

5- Ezekiel 8:15 *"He said to me, "Do you see this, son of man? You will see things that are even more detestable than this."*

The word of God tells us of people who fail to see sin as it is. Eve when she saw the fruit of the forbidden tree, she saw in eating them wisdom and did not see sin, **Genesis 3:6** *“When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.”* Eve was not a good watchman. Lot wife did the same when she failed to use her eyes to watch the salvation of God. Instead, she used her eyes to disobey God when she looked back, *“But Lot's wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.”* (**Genesis 19:26**)

Why God wants you to see the sin clearly?

- 1- **To watch your life and avoid sin:** *“Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.”* (**1Thessalonians 5:6**) *“Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.”* (**1Timothy 4:16**)
- 2- **To pray:** Jesus admonish us to pray so that we will not fall into temptation, *“But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.”* (**1Peter 4:7**) *“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;”* (**Ephesians 6:18**)
- 3- **To warn others:** As the message that God sent through Apostle John to the church of Sardis, *“Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.”* (**Revelation 3:2-3**)
- 4- **To persuade them and convince them to quit sin:** *“19 My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back, 20 remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins.”* (**James 5:19-20**)

My dear and beloved: As a watchman God called you to offer your life to Him and to serve Him with effectiveness, and to impart qualities and fruitfulness in the life of the people that you are in contact with and ministering unto them. The light of God shall pass through you into their live, and will bring transformation in their lives as you abide with God's call and agree to pray

My Prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the Cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord I commit myself to abide with your word and instruction and to be effective in my ministry, bringing the best of God's service and pouring that in the life of the people whom you place around me and under my care. Lord gives me the strength, the skills needed and the capability to do that. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*

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“But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.”
(**2Timothy 4:5**)

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