

Watchman Part 30

(Leaders with Watchman Characters)

"18 Then Jehu brought all the people together and said to them, "Ahab served Baal a little; Jehu will serve him much. 19 Now summon all the prophets of Baal, all his ministers and all his priests. See that no one is missing, because I am going to hold a great sacrifice for Baal. Anyone who fails to come will no longer live." But Jehu was acting deceptively in order to destroy the ministers of Baal. 20 Jehu said, "Call an assembly in honor of Baal." So they proclaimed it. 21 Then he sent word throughout Israel, and all the ministers of Baal came; not one stayed away. They crowded into the temple of Baal until it was full from one end to the other. 22 And Jehu said to the keeper of the wardrobe, "Bring robes for all the ministers of Baal." So he brought out robes for them. 23 Then Jehu and Jehonadab son of Recab went into the temple of Baal. Jehu said to the ministers of Baal, "Look around and see that no servants of the LORD are here with you--only ministers of Baal." 24 So they went in to make sacrifices and burnt offerings. Now Jehu had posted eighty men outside with this warning: "If one of you lets any of the men I am placing in your hands escape, it will be your life for his life." 25 As soon as Jehu had finished making the burnt offering, he ordered the guards and officers: "Go in and kill them; let no one escape." So they cut them down with the sword. The guards and officers threw the bodies out and then entered the inner shrine of the temple of Baal. 26 They brought the sacred stone out of the temple of Baal and burned it. 27 They demolished the sacred stone of Baal and tore down the temple of Baal, and people have used it for a latrine to this day. 28 So Jehu destroyed Baal worship in Israel." (2Kings 10:18-28)

Jehu one of the leaders of Israel that God had raised up for a purpose; Jehu destroyed Baal worship in Israel that started by the wicked Ahab. From the above Scripture we can learn the following things about the leader as a watchman:

*1- The watchman will not spare any false prophet: "19 Now summon all the prophets of Baal, all his ministers and all his priests. See that no one is missing, because I am going to hold a great sacrifice for Baal. Anyone who fails to come will no longer live." But Jehu was acting deceptively in order to destroy the ministers of Baal." (2Kings 10:19) Jehu was very keen not to allow any of the false and wicked prophets to escape from God judgment. The leaders should be very aware and will not give permission or approval to sin or to give permission or approval to those who promote sin inside the body of Christ through their false teaching. David in *Psalms 101* says, "4 Men of perverse heart shall be far from me; I will have nothing to do with evil. 5 Whoever slanders his neighbor in secret, him will I put to silence; whoever has haughty eyes and a proud heart, him will I not endure. 7 No one who practices deceit will dwell in my house; no one who speaks falsely will stand in my presence. 8 Every morning I will put to silence all the wicked in the land; I will cut off every evildoer from the city of the LORD." (Psalm 101:4-5,7-8)*

The application of that for us today is that we should not approve ministers who their ways of life and their teaching will promote sin and wickedness. Such people should be silenced and asked to sit down because their ministry will bring corruption.

2- The watchman will preserve the true ministers: "Then Jehu and Jehonadab son of Recab went into the temple of Baal. Jehu said to the ministers of Baal, "Look around and see that no servants of the LORD are here with you--only ministers of Baal." (2Kings 10:23) Jehu wanted to be sure in judgment against Baal ministers that he will not include any of the true servants of The Lord. What is the application of this is that we need to find out the reliable men who are able to teach others and welcome them to serve the Lord with us. Let us follow the example of David and what he said, "6 My eyes will be on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me; he whose walk is blameless will minister to me." (Psalm 101:6) David was a good and effective watchman.

"1 Then the king called together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. 2 He went up to the temple of the LORD with the men of Judah, the people of Jerusalem, the priests and the prophets--all the people from the least to the greatest. He read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant, which had been found in the temple of the LORD. 3 The king stood by the pillar and renewed the covenant in the presence of the LORD--to follow the LORD and keep his commands, regulations and decrees with all his heart and all his soul, thus confirming the words of the covenant written in this book. Then all the people pledged themselves to the covenant. 4 The king ordered Hilkiah the high priest, the priests next in rank and the doorkeepers to remove from the temple of the LORD all the articles made for Baal and Asherah and all the starry hosts. He burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron Valley and took the ashes to Bethel 5 He did away with the pagan priests appointed by the kings of Judah to burn incense on the high places of the towns of Judah and on those around Jerusalem--those who burned incense to Baal, to the sun and moon, to the constellations and to all the starry hosts. 6 He took the Asherah pole from the temple of the LORD to the Kidron Valley outside Jerusalem and burned it there. He ground it to powder and scattered the dust over the graves of the common people. 7 He also tore down the quarters of the male shrine prostitutes, which were in the temple of the LORD and where women did weaving for Asherah. 8 Josiah brought all the priests from the towns of Judah and desecrated the high places, from Geba to Beersheba, where the priests had burned incense. He broke down the shrines at the gates--at the entrance to the Gate of Joshua, the city governor, which is on the left of the city gate. 9 Although the priests of the high places did not serve at the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem, they ate unleavened bread with their fellow priests. 10 He desecrated Topheth, which was in the Valley of Ben Hinnom, so no one could use it to sacrifice his son or daughter in the fire to Molech. 11 He removed from the entrance to the temple of the LORD the horses that the kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun. They were in the court near the room of an official named Nathan-Melech. Josiah then burned the chariots dedicated to the sun. 12 He pulled down the altars the kings of Judah had erected on the roof near the upper room of Ahaz, and the altars Manasseh had built in the two courts of the temple of the LORD. He removed them from there, smashed them to pieces and threw the rubble into the Kidron Valley. 13 The king also desecrated the high places that were east of Jerusalem on the south of the Hill of Corruption--the ones Solomon king of Israel had built for Ashtoreth the vile goddess of the Sidonians, for Chemosh the vile god of Moab, and for Molech the detestable god of the people of Ammon. 14 Josiah

smashed the sacred stones and cut down the Asherah poles and covered the sites with human bones. 15 Even the altar at Bethel, the high place made by Jeroboam son of Nebat, who had caused Israel to sin--even that altar and high place he demolished. He burned the high place and ground it to powder, and burned the Asherah pole also. 16 Then Josiah looked around, and when he saw the tombs that were there on the hillside, he had the bones removed from them and burned on the altar to defile it, in accordance with the word of the LORD proclaimed by the man of God who foretold these things. 17 The king asked, "What is that tombstone I see?" The men of the city said, "It marks the tomb of the man of God who came from Judah and pronounced against the altar of Bethel the very things you have done to it." 18 "Leave it alone," he said. "Don't let anyone disturb his bones." So they spared his bones and those of the prophet who had come from Samaria. 19 Just as he had done at Bethel, Josiah removed and defiled all the shrines at the high places that the kings of Israel had built in the towns of Samaria that had provoked the LORD to anger 20 Josiah slaughtered all the priests of those high places on the altars and burned human bones on them. Then he went back to Jerusalem." (2Kings 23:1-20)

3- **The watchman can see and distinguish things others cannot see:** King Josiah he was leading a great campaign to cleanse Judah and the whole Israel from idol worship. In Samaria he was demolishing Ashera pole and the idols, and he opened the tombs and burned bones of the dead on the altar to defile it in accordance with the word of the LORD proclaimed by the man of God who foretold these things: **"1 By the word of the LORD a man of God came from Judah to Bethel, as Jeroboam was standing by the altar to make an offering. 2 He cried out against the altar by the word of the LORD: 'O altar, altar! This is what the LORD says: 'A son named Josiah will be born to the house of David. On you he will sacrifice the priests of the high places who now make offerings here, and human bones will be burned on you.'"** (1Kings 13:1-2) The man of God after his prophesy he died and buried in a tomb in Samaria (Read the whole story in your bible **1Kings 13:1-32**) What he prophesied came true; Josiah was born and as he grew up as king he accomplished what God ordained for him to do. And truly he reached Samaria and that altar that was built up by Jeroboam he demolished it and burned bones of wicked priests on it to defile it. But Josiah was a discerning watchman who was able to see the tomb of that righteous true prophet that he need to spare, **"17 The king asked, 'What is that tombstone I see?'"** The men of the city said, **"It marks the tomb of the man of God who came from Judah and pronounced against the altar of Bethel the very things you have done to it."** 18 **"Leave it alone,"** he said. **"Don't let anyone disturb his bones."** So they spared his bones and those of the prophet who had come from Samaria." (2Kings 23:17-18) Josiah was really a discerning watchman who spared as well as the bones of the true prophet who were from Samaria.

At this time of history where corruption and wickedness and idol worship affecting the body of Christ, still you need to be tactful and discerning to identify good and righteous things and to preserve them and work them out as the good things of God


"1 Jacob heard that Laban's sons were saying, 'Jacob has taken everything our father owned and has gained all this wealth from what belonged to our father.'" 2 And Jacob noticed that Laban's attitude toward him was not what it had been. 3 Then the LORD said to Jacob, 'Go back to the land of your fathers and to your relatives, and I

will be with you.'" 4 So Jacob sent word to Rachel and Leah to come out to the fields where his flocks were. 5 He said to them, 'I see that your father's attitude toward me is not what it was before, but the God of my father has been with me. 6 You know that I've worked for your father with all my strength, 7 yet your father has cheated me by changing my wages ten times. However, God has not allowed him to harm me. 8 If he said, 'The speckled ones will be your wages,' then all the flocks gave birth to speckled young; and if he said, 'The streaked ones will be your wages,' then all the flocks bore streaked young. 9 So God has taken away your father's livestock and has given them to me. 10 'In breeding season I once had a dream in which I looked up and saw that the male goats mating with the flock were streaked, speckled or spotted. 11 The angel of God said to me in the dream, 'Jacob.' I answered, 'Here I am.' 12 And he said, 'Look up and see that all the male goats mating with the flock are streaked, speckled or spotted, for I have seen all that Laban has been doing to you. 13 I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar and where you made a vow to me. Now leave this land at once and go back to your native land.'" (Genesis 31:1-13)

4- The watchman can notice things others cannot notice: Jacob was able to see the changing attitude of his father in law, **"2 And Jacob noticed that Laban's attitude toward him was not what it had been. 5 He said to them, 'I see that your father's attitude toward me is not what it was before, but the God of my father has been with me.'" (Genesis 31:2, 5)** Jacob when he was able to notice the change of attitude from Laban side, then he was prepared to recognize the voice of God who finally instructed him to leave and go back to his native land, **"13 I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar and where you made a vow to me. Now leave this land at once and go back to your native land."** (Genesis 31:13)

My Dear and Beloved: God had given you eyes and mind and He wants you to be discerning and use them tactfully and courageously to bring the fruit that He wants to see in your life as you agree to 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 gives me discernment and watchfulness to see the things that you wants me to see and give me wisdom to know how to handle them correctly. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*

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