Watchman Part 33

(The Watchman Shall See the Kingdom of God before tastes death)

"I And he said to them, "I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power." 2 After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. 3 His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. 4 And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. 5 Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters--one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." 6 (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) 7 Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" 8 Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. 9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. 10 They kept the matter to themselves, discussing what "rising from the dead" meant." (Mark 9:1-10)

I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power: That what Jesus said to His disciples and later after six days he took few of them up to the mountain and there He transfigured infront of them and met Moses and Elijah. The disciples whom Jesus took with him they saw and hear things not of the earth but of the heaven. At first instant they were not able to describe of what is going on and even were not able to grasp what they need 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 rose 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 the death.

Jesus said, they *will not taste death before they see 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 are full of Scriptures speaks 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 Scripture will read and study so you grasp the calling and the mission of God in your life;

1- The calling of Gideon: The Lord sent his angel to call Gideon and to reveal Himself to him. Gideon realized that he is encountering some heavenly thing, therefore, "16 The LORD answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites together." 17 Gideon replied, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, give me a sign that it is really you talking to me. 18 Please do not go away until I come back and bring my offering and set it before you." And the LORD said, "I will wait until you return." 19 Gideon went in, prepared a young goat, and from an ephah of flour he made bread without yeast. Putting the meat in a basket and its broth in a pot, he brought them out and offered them to him under the oak. 20 The angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened bread, place them on this rock, and pour out the broth." And Gideon did so. 21 With the tip of the staff that was in his hand, the angel of the LORD touched the meat and the unleavened bread. Fire flared from the rock, consuming the meat and the bread. And the angel of the LORD disappeared. 22 When Gideon realized that it was the angel of the LORD, he exclaimed, "Ah, Sovereign LORD! I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face!" 23 But the LORD said to him, "Peace! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die." 24 So Gideon built an altar to the LORD there and called it The LORD is Peace. To this day it stands 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.

2- The Call of Sampson parents: God revealed himself to Manoah and his wife who she was sterile. 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 need to raise up the child. Then "17 Then Manoah inquired of the angel of the LORD, "What is your name, so that we may honor you when your word comes true?" 18 He replied, "Why do you ask my name? It is beyond understanding. " 19 Then Manoah took a young goat, together with the grain offering, and sacrificed it on a rock to the LORD. And the LORD did an amazing thing while Manoah and his wife watched: 20 As the flame blazed up from the altar toward heaven, the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame. Seeing this, Manoah and his wife fell with their faces to the ground. 21 When the angel of the LORD did not show himself again to Manoah and his wife, Manoah realized that it was the angel of the LORD. 22 "We are doomed to die!" he said to his wife. "We have seen God!" 23 But his wife answered, "If the LORD had meant to kill us, he would not have accepted a burnt offering and grain offering from our hands, nor shown us all these things or now told us this." 24 The woman gave birth to a boy and named him Samson. He 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 up a godly child for the Lord.

3- The calling of Paul: God when He called Saul to serve Him he was among group of people, but Saul only grasped the call of God, "3 As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" 5 "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. 6 "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." 7 The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. 8 Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. 9 For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything." (Acts 9:3-9) God's kingdom revealed to Saul and not to his companions. He said, "My companions saw the light, but they did not understand the voice of him who was speaking to me." (Acts 22:9) To experienced 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 "The God of our fathers has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and to hear words from his mouth. 15 You will be his witness to all men of what you have seen and heard." (Acts 22:14-15) God's kingdom when revealed to us is in order for to live according to His will and to be a witness to HIM for all men of what we heard and seen from HIM.

My Dear and Beloved: God further said to Paul and to us the purpose of Him revealing His kingdom to us, "16 Now get up and stand on your feet. <u>I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as</u> a witness of what you have seen of me and what I will show you. 17 I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them 18 to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me." (Acts 26:16-18) 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 open 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 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 to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for revealing to me yourself and your kingdom while I am on earth. 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 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.