

Watchman Part 34

(The Watchman is Able to See the Glory of the Lord.)

A- *"1 One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God, 2 he saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. 3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. 4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." 5 Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." 6 When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. 7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. 8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" 9 For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, 10 and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men." 11 So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him." (Luke 5:1-11)*

Simon Peter in this passage was able to see the glory of God and His miracle in His life. The word of God tells us that **"When Simon Peter saw this."** (Verse 8) His eye was opened, and as a watchman was able to see and recognized the following:

- 1- That God had sent His Son Jesus to save His life.
- 2- That Jesus entered his boat in order to help him.
- 3- That God's blessing and provision entered His life only when he humbled down and apply the instruction of Jesus in his life.
- 4- He recognized the big catch of fish was a great miracle of God in his life.
- 5- He was able to see that his sin was a hindrance of him to receive God's blessings.
- 6- He was able to see his sin clearly, the lack of faith and the lack of putting full trust on God: **"he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"**

But Jesus affirmed His love toward Peter and accepted his repentance and assured him with these words, ***"Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men."***

When men see the glory of God in their lives, they repent of their sins, and with their repentance God would call them and appoint them to serve Him and bring people to His Kingdom.

B- *"1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him were seraphs, each with*

six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. 3 And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." 4 At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. 5 "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." 6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for. 8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-7)

Isaiah in this passage was able to see the Lord in a vision sitting on His throne with the seraphs calling to one another, ***"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."*** Isaiah cried ***"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."*** (Verse 5) That vision was God's glory manifested in His life. When Isaiah saw that vision, he saw more than a vision. As a watchman he was able to see further things:

- 1- He saw that he is a man and he recognized his actual size in comparison to God, ***"For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you."*** (Romans 12:3)
- 2- He was able to see that he is not better than other men around him. He saw clearly his limitations in comparing that to God.
- 3- He was able to see that he is a sinful man like other people around him, when He saw the glory and the holiness of God.
- 4- He was able to see in particular his sin, ***"For I am a man of unclean lips,"*** and he repented of it.

In response to his repentance Isaiah received the following:

- I- The forgiveness of his sins: ***"6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."***
- II- He was commissioned to go and preach the message to the people of Israel: ***"8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"***

C- *"16 When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, 17 where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. 18 A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. 19 When they had rowed three or three and a half miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on*

the water; and they were terrified. 20 But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid." 21 Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading. 22 The next day the crowd that had stayed on the opposite shore of the lake realized that only one boat had been there, and that Jesus had not entered it with his disciples, but that they had gone away alone. 23 Then some boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. 24 Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus. 25 When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" 26 Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. 27 Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval." 28 Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" 29 Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent." 30 So they asked him, "What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?" (John 6:16-30)

In this passage of John 6 we are seeing the crowd around Jesus; miraculously he fed them with bread. They came to know and concluded that he walk on the water to reach his disciple and then after continued with them to the next shore. But they were still blind and were not able to see the glory of God with all the miracles that he did in front of them. Jesus recognized and he told them when they reached Him: 26 **Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill."** The people ate the bread and the fish that Jesus multiplied but they did not consider that as a miracle. They were spiritually blinded. That is why they asked Him, "**What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?**" (John 6:30) Multiplying the bread and the fish and walking on the water was still not miracles for them. They were still not able to see that He is God.

They were not able to see the glory of the Lord in what He did. Further in their unbelief they argued with him as he expound to them the Scripture (Read John 6 the whole chapter in your bible.) The spiritual blindness that the crowd were in included even his disciples, "**60 On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?"** (John 6:60) They were having eyes but they were not able to see the glory of God. There stubbornness hinder them from seeing and enjoying the glory of God. Jesus saw the spiritual blindness that they were in; therefore he told them further the following: "**61 Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? 62 What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before!"**" (John 5:60-62) Jesus wanted to find out the true followers of Him and those who are not willing to follow, and John 6 end up with a clear conclusion

I- A group who are blind and not willing to see and follow Him: "66 From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him." (John 6:66)

II- A group who are willing to continue to abide with the Lord and His Word: "67 "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. 68 Simon Peter

answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." (John 6:67-69)

D- "39 Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind." (John9:39) Jesus said that in link to the miracle that he did when he opened the eyes of a blind man who was blind from birth. Jesus said that because the Pharisees questioned that miracle, put that man out of their synagogue, and wanted to divert the people from believing in Him and following Him.

My Dear and Beloved: "40 Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?" 41 Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains." (John9:40-41) Respond to the message; accept the truth that God is revealing every day in your life. Repent from your own ways and understanding, and come to God as a watchman who can see and hear God, so He will receive you and will commission you to serve HIM, 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 thank you for revealing to me facts and truth from your word. Lord I repent from the following sins _____. Lord thank you for opening my eyes and now I can see your glory and love in all the miracles that you are doing in my life and in the life of the people around me and in the world. Lord receives me and commissioned me as you commissioned Peter and Isaiah. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

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