

Watchman
Part 35

(The Watchman is Able to See Sinner Coming Back to the Lord)

"11 The burden of Dumah. He calleth to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night? 12 The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will enquire, enquire ye: return, come." (Isaiah 21:11-12 KJV) "11 An oracle concerning Dumah: Someone calls to me from Seir, "Watchman, what is left of the night? Watchman, what is left of the night?" 12 The watchman replies, "Morning is coming, but also the night. If you would ask, then ask; and come back yet again." (Isaiah 21:11-12 NIV)

Burden or oracle is a prophecy or a vision. The prophecy in *Isaiah 21:11-12* is concerning Dumah; it is very short and might be difficult to be understood. But *what is Dumah* and what is the meaning of it? The following are the possible explanation:

A- *Dumah is a part of Arabia:* They are the inhabitants descended from Dumah the sixth son of Ishmael. *"13 These are the names of the sons of Ishmael, listed in the order of their birth: Nebaioth the firstborn of Ishmael, Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam, 14 Mishma, Dumah, Massa, 15 Hadad, Tema, Jetur, Naphish and Kedemah." (Genesis 25:13-15)*

B- *Mount Seir is here mentioned, by Dumah, and understood as Idumea, the country of the Edomites:*

C- *They are Israel's neighbor:* Some of Israel's neighbours are certainly meant, and their distress is foretold, not only for warning to them to prepare them for it, but for warning to Israel not to depend upon them, or any of the nations around them, for relief in a time of danger, but upon God only. You must see that all the nations around you they are in need to know God and that they are not there around you to depend on them. They are around you so that through you they may know there is a God who created them, and you are there as watchman to direct them and guide them toward God.

In *Isaiah 21:11-12*, we have here a question put by whoever, Edomite, Ishmaelites or any of the nations around the watchman: someone or other *called out of Seir*, or *Someone calls to me from Seir*. Somebody is calling you who are a non believer and you are the watchman and should do the needful. We can speak more about that person that he is a person who was more concerned for the public safety and welfare than the rest of his group or nation. The same in the vision that God showed to Paul about the man of Macedonia, who desired Paul to come over and help them *"9 During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them." (Acts. 16:9-10)* So this man of Mount Seir, in a vision, desired the prophet to inform and instruct them. He has concerned about the things that belong to the public peace of his people. A man out of Seir asked advice from God's prophet, the watchman, and is willing to be taught, when many of God's people heed nothing!

Here is the call of God upon your life! God wants you to discern and hear the voice not of Him and the face not of God but the people whom God is calling you to serve Him by sending such people to you. One man or one woman, and even one child can be God's call in your life to go forward and serve Him by reaching such people.

Someone calls to me from Seir: The man who called from Seir, he calls not too many people but he called on the watchman because he has a serious question and he wanted the answer: the *watchman* is the proper person to answer his question. The office of the watchman is to answer such enquiries and serious question. What was the question? *"What of the night?"* As if he is asking how he can handle the darkness that he was in. In NIV is *"What is left of the night?"* As if he is asking how long he will be in that darkness that he was or as if he is asking is there no hope or a way out of this darkness? People around you are in the grip of Satan, and they need deliverance and your help to deliver them.

As a watchman you need to be a person who care and who earnestly desire to give an answer; a proper respond to the people needs. God's prophets and ministers are appointed to be watchmen. They are as watchmen in the city in a time of peace, to see that all be safe, to knock at every door by personal enquiries ("Is it locked? Is the fire safe?"), to direct those that are at a loss, and check those that are disorderly. They are as watchmen in the camp in time of war, *Ezekiel 33:7 "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me."* They are to take notice of the motions of the enemy and to give notice of them, to make discoveries and then give warning; and for this they must deny themselves.

As the watchman should be attentive to people needs, then those who are in trouble, and those who are in sin and darkness are to enquire of the watchmen, especially to ask again and again, *What of the night?* And that is the watchman answer to the people question: After a long sleep in sin and security, is it not time to rise and high time to awake out of sleep? *"And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed." (Romans 13:11)*

The watchman was neither asleep nor dumb; though it was a man of Mount Seir that called to him; he was ready to give him an answer: *The morning comes*; you will enjoy a day of comfort. Morning with light, and peace, and opportunity but afterwards comes a night of trouble and calamity. *Morning is coming, but also the night.* In the course of God's provision it is usual that morning and night are counterchanged and succeed each other. Is it night? Yet the morning comes. Is it day? Yet the night comes also. If there be a morning of youth and health, there will come a night of sickness and old age. But God usually gives a morning of opportunity before he sends a night of calamity, that his own people may be prepared for the storms. The point that we learn from that description that when we receive new people coming to Christ, yes they will receive salvation, peace and joy: but that does not mean that they will not pass through hardship and trials and difficulties in their lives. We need to prepare to live a life worthy of Christ calling. We need to do as Paul and Barnabas did, *"strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said." (Acts 14:22)*

If ye will enquire , enquire ye: return, come: As watchman you need to encourage those who are approaching you to seek and draw near toward God. Speak to them about repentance, to turn away from their sins, and have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

My Dear and Beloved: In the parable of the lost son we read, ***“So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.” (Luke 15:20)*** As a watchman and watchwoman taking your post to serve the Lord, be like God the Father who are watching and waiting to see, meet and receive the lost souls coming back home 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 a clear vision from your word. Lord I commit myself to be a responsible watchman who is compassionate servant of yours waiting and watching to receive the lost souls welcoming them in your Kingdom. Lord gives me the discernment to do that and grant me the strength, the perseverance and encourage me by seeing the fruit of my watching. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*

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***“The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice.
He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.”***

(John 10:3)

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