

¹ *The word of the LORD came to me:*
² *'Son of man, speak to your people and say to them: "When I bring the sword against a land, and the people of the land choose one of their men and make him their watchman, ³ and he sees the sword coming against the land and blows the trumpet to warn the people, ⁴ then if anyone hears the trumpet but does not heed the warning and the sword comes and takes their life, their blood will be on their own head. ⁵ Since they heard the sound of the trumpet but did not heed the warning, their blood will be on their own head. If they had heeded the warning, they would have saved themselves. ⁶ But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet to warn the people and the sword comes and takes someone's life, that person's life will be taken because of their sin, but I will hold the watchman accountable for their blood."* ⁷ *'Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. ⁸ When I say to the wicked, "You wicked person, you will surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for^[a] their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. ⁹ But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved. ¹⁰ 'Son of man, say to the Israelites, "This is what you are saying: 'Our offences and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of^[a] them. How then can we live?'" ¹¹ Say to them, "As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from*

your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?" ¹² 'Therefore, son of man, say to your people, "If someone who is righteous disobeys, that person's former righteousness will count for nothing. And if someone who is wicked repents, that person's former wickedness will not bring condemnation. The righteous person who sins will not be allowed to live even though they were formerly righteous." ¹³ If I tell a righteous person that they will surely live, but then they trust in their righteousness and do evil, none of the righteous things that person has done will be remembered; they will die for the evil they have done. ¹⁴ And if I say to a wicked person, "You will surely die," but they then turn away from their sin and do what is just and right – ¹⁵ if they give back what they took in pledge for a loan, return what they have stolen, follow the decrees that give life, and do no evil – that person will surely live; they will not die. ¹⁶ None of the sins that person has committed will be remembered against them. They have done what is just and right; they will surely live. ¹⁷ 'Yet your people say, "The way of the Lord is not just." But it is their way that is not just. ¹⁸ If a righteous person turns from their righteousness and does evil, they will die for it. ¹⁹ And if a wicked person turns away from their wickedness and does what is just and right, they will live by doing so. ²⁰ Yet you Israelites say, "The way of the Lord is not just." But I will judge each of you according to your own ways." (Ezekiel 33:1-20)

God wants you to be a watchman for Him. As you see the people of God doing wrong and sinning against the LORD, He wants to use you to warn them. And this is your ministry and accountability toward the LORD who called you to serve Him.

The Lord Is My Shepherd

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 what you entrusted to me be a watchman to watch carefully and warn your people who do not walk in your ways. Give me discernment, wisdom and boldness to speak forth the truth to your people with the power of the Holy Spirit. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

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"I have posted watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they never be silent day or night. You who call on the LORD give yourself no rest. And give him no rest till he established Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth."

(Isaiah 62:6-7)

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