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GOD'S "WATCHMAN"

(Ezekiel 33:1-11)

INTRODUCTION

God has always had a spokesman (watchman) for His message:

In the beginning, God spoke to the patriarchs to deliver His message.  
Then God added the law through Moses: (Exodus 19:25, 20:1-2).  
Within this era of the Law were judges, kings, and prophets (Ezekiel 3:16-21).  
John the Baptist preached in preparation for Jesus: (Mark 1:2, v7).  
Jesus: (Hebrews 1:1-2) "spoken to us by His Son"  
Jesus sends the apostles to all the nations with the message: (Matthew 28:18-20)

The application is made for us to be "watchman" - Matthew 28:20) "teaching them"  
(Acts 8:1) "the church ... they were all scattered" (v4) "preaching the word"  
(2 Timothy 2:2) "faithful men who will be able to teach others also"

CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD'S WATCHMAN

1. A WATCHMAN RELAYS A MESSAGE

(2 Samuel 18:24-26) "the watchman cried out and told the king"  
As watchmen, we are to preach the gospel truth: (Rev. 22:18-19; Galatians 4:16)

2. A WATCHMAN TELLS WHAT IS REVEALED

(Isaiah 21:6) "Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he sees"  
We sometimes say, "Don't shoot the messenger."  
(Isaiah 21:12) "The watchman said, The morning comes, and also the night"

3. A WATCHMAN IS SOMETIMES DERELICT

(Isaiah 56:10-11) "His watchman are blind ... sleeping ... " (Ezek. 3:18) "you give him no warning" (Ezek. 33:8) "you do not speak to warn"  
So God warns us: (Eph. 5:14-15) "Awake, you who sleep" (Mark 13:35-37)

4. A WATCHMAN IS NOT TO BE SILENT

(Isaiah 62:6) "they shall never hold their peace ... do not keep silent"  
(Psalm 107:2) "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so"

5. A WATCHMAN WARNS OF IMPENDING DANGER - (Ezekiel 3:18, 33:1-11)

6. A WATCHMAN OFTEN GOES UNHEEDED

(Jeremiah 6:17) "I set watchman over you, saying, Listen to the sound of the trumpet!  
But they said, We will not listen."  
(Proverbs 1:24-33) (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9)