

The Watchman on the Wall
Ezekiel 33:1-9
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Ezekiel 33:1–9, NKJV

Ezekiel is given an instruction from the Lord regarding the protection of the nation from the attacks of the pagan nations surrounding them.

The application for our time is a message to the spiritual leaders within the church. The times we live in have dictated a heightened sense of vulnerability.

What is a “Watcher?”

However, we don’t have walls to set our sentries on, but we still have enemies.

We can agree that we live in perilous times.

“who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

(1 Timothy 2:4, NKJV)

Our culture has twisted the definition of so many things that it’s hard to keep up with the nonsense.

Hyper-Calvinism: One of the most dangerous and malevolent doctrines we will call **“hyper-Calvinism.”**

Another false teaching is **“hyper-pentecostalism.”**

The Prosperity Gospel:

A third, and perhaps the most common, is the **“prosperity gospel”**

Unfortunately, the most dangerous people are often in our congregation.

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The First Line of Defense - The Pastors:

The pastor is a shepherd. It is his task to watch over the flock.

“For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.”

(Acts 20:29–31, NKJV)

The Second Line of Defense - also watchers on the wall, are the elders and deacons. They are here for you as much as the pastors.

The third line of defense - is the congregation.

God’s Spirit will not prompt you on trivial matters

When “bad doctrine” infiltrates a church, the damage can be almost fatal to that congregation.

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.” (1 Peter 5:8, NKJV)

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;” (2 Timothy 4:3, NKJV)

Application:

- 1. We need to remember the Bereans in Acts 17.**
- 2. Christianity is not a philosophy or a religion,**
- 3. This is the only belief system where God reached down to save His creation.**
- 4. Finally, we are not to be seeking to destroy or malign someone.**