



Scriptures and Doctrine :: Are we called to be watchman

Are we called to be watchman - posted by perilous, on: 2007/8/8 0:35

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Re: Are we called to be watchman, on: 2007/8/8 0:39

Mark 13:33

Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is.

Re: Are we called to be watchman - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2007/8/8 0:44

Quote:

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I do not believe all are called to be watchmen. I would say that the role of watchman is more directed towards prophets in the new testament. Ezekiel was a watchman but also declared a prophet also.

Re:, on: 2007/8/8 13:31

I believe Paul was a watchman and he said imitate him, so as long as the modern day called watchman remains in tune with the prophets and the watchman of the Old Testament and the New Testament they should warn the people, not about when, but what. They should warn against evil and coming destruction, they should define what evil is and what evil brings. Advise the people of what Jesus can bring about in their life and also that he gives eternal life. Just because some one is or not a seminary graduate, does not determine whether they are called or not called of God.

Re:, on: 2007/8/9 6:57

Interesting thoughts!

What about the parable of the ten virgins? Even the careful ones with extra oil slept, but *someonewas* watching, *someone* cried out, "Behold the Bridegroom!"

God said to Ezekiel, "I have made you a watchman..." for a specific task for a specific time (Ezek 33:7).

But Jesus rebuked the Pharisees for not discerning the signs of the times, (and not recognising that the Messiah had come and was speaking to them). So the message to watch is for all - even if not all are called to a specific office (if there is one) as a "watchman". Any more than everyone who prophesies has the office and call of a prophet.

Yet Moses said, "I wish *all* God's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put His Spirit upon them".

Everyone who is in the Spirit should be aware of the signs of the times, whether they have a specific call as a "watchman" or not.

But even being awake and aware in itself isn't enough. Are we living as faithful servants? This is an especial challenge to those in leadership, but also applies to all of us.

Of the 70 elders upon whom the Spirit came in the days of Moses, NONE got into the Promised Land.

Luke 12 (my emphasis)

35 *“Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, 36 and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast, so that they may open to him at once when he comes and knocks. 37 Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes; truly, I say to you, he will gird himself and have them sit at table, and*

d he will come and serve them. 38 If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them so, blessed are those servants! 39 But know this, that if the householder had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. 40 You also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an unexpected hour. 41 Peter said, "Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?" 42 And the Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and wise steward, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? 43 Blessed is that servant whom his master when he comes will find so doing. 44 Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. 45 But if that servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and begins to beat the menservants and the maidservants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, 46 the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will punish him, and put him with the unfaithful.

Blessings

Jeannette

Re:, on: 2007/8/9 11:12

Littlegift wrote:

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moe_mac wrote: Amen good thoughts Littlegift

The body is made up of many parts and all are important to make the body function properly.

Re: Are we called to be watchman, on: 2007/8/10 17:45

perilous asked

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Re: - posted by jlosinski, on: 2007/8/10 18:04

I was kind of wondering the same thing, in what context is the term "watchman" being used?

Joe

Re:, on: 2007/8/10 18:37

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dorcas wrote:

perilous asked

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Surely "watchmen" are those who understand the signs of the times and are awake and aware of what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

The function in practical terms is presumably to warn God's people. Whether in the local church context or another context makes little difference to that function, though the "modus operandi" would be different depending on where that person was sent.

Maybe the difference between a "watchman" and a prophet is that the watchman warns God's people, while a prophet's call is more general?

Ezekiel, and many other OT prophets fulfilled both roles.

But sometimes such a one would have to keep silent, as Ezekiel had to lie on his side and be dumb - showing the message by actions only - until the Lord opened his mouth.

Ezekiel was told to speak and give warning, even though the "rebellious house" would mostly refuse to hear.

In Him

Jeannette