

Duty of the Watchman of God: Warn the People of God's Coming Judgment Ezekiel 33:01–09

1. *The responsible watchman:*

*He sees the approaching enemy
and issues a loud warning*

a. The person who ignores
the warning will die

- His death is his own fault
- His death is his own responsibility, 18:1-32

b. The person would have
saved his life
if he had heeded the warning

2. *The irresponsible watchman:*

*He sees the approaching enemy
and fails to sound the warning*

a. The sinner will die
because of his own iniquity

b. The watchman will be held
accountable for the person's
(sinner's) death

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.’

3. <i>The application:</i> <i>The prophet was reminded that he had been chosen to be God's watchman, 3:16-21</i> a. The warning: If he failed to warn the wicked... • The sinner would die in his sins • The prophet would be held accountable for the sinner's death b. The promise: If he warned the wicked... • The unrepentant would die in his sins • The prophet would save his own soul	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 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.
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