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**Lesson: Ezekiel 33:1-8**

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"Again the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman:

3 If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people;

4 Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head.

5 He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul.

6 But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.

7 So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.

8 When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand." - Ezekiel 33:1-8 - **Emphasis mine, HCV**

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**QUESTIONS:**

Q. Applying the above lesson to the Lord's work today, who are the watchmen?

A. God's called ministers.

**NOTE: Make sure of your calling!**

Q. What are some of God called ministers' responsibilities?

A. **STUDY:** "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." - **II Timothy 2:15**

**PRAY:** "..., one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." - **Luke 11:1** **SEE:** The model prayer, **Matthew 6:5-13**

**SEEK THE LEADERSHIP OF THE SPIRIT:** See and read **Acts 16:1-13**

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**WHERE WILL THE BLOOD BE?**

**Lesson:** **IF** the preacher preaches the gospel to lost souls, and if the lost refuses to heed the warning, their blood will be upon themselves.

**If** the preacher refuses to warn the lost of their condition and their eternal destiny, the unsaved will die in their sins, but their blood will be required at the watchman's hand.

**Verse 7:** "So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me."

## THE BLOODY CHOICE OF PARENTS:

**Matthew 27:24-25**, "When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children."

## "IF" WE BREAK OUR PROMISE TO GOD:

**Numbers 32:20-23**, "And Moses said unto them, **IF** ye will do this thing, **if** ye will go armed before the Lord to war, And will go all of you armed over Jordan before the Lord, until he hath driven out his enemies from before him, And the land be subdued before the Lord: then afterward ye shall return, and be guiltless before the Lord, and before Israel; and this land shall be your possession before the Lord. But **IF** ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the Lord: and be sure your sin will find you out."



## "IF" WITH THE UNSAVED:

**Genesis 4:6-7**, "And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? **IF** thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and **if** thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door..."

**John 8:23-24**, "And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world. I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for **if** ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins."

**Luke 23:39**, "And one of the malefactors, which were hanged railed on him, saying, **IF** thou be Christ, save thyself and us."

**Philip and the eunuch: Acts 8:36-37**, And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doeth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, **IF** thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest..."



## "IF" IN OUR CHRISTIAN LIVES:

**James 4:13-15**, Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, **IF** the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that."

**Acts 18:18-21**, And Paul after this tarried there yet a good while, and then took his leave of the brethren, and sailed thence into Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila; having shorn his head in Cenchrea; for he had a vow. And he came to Ephesus, and left them there: but he himself entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews. When they desired him to tarry longer time with them, he consented not; But bade them farewell, saying, I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem: but I will return again unto you, **if** God will. And he sailed from Ephesus."

**I Corinthians 4:19**, "But I will come to you shortly, **if** the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power."

## **"IF" WE DIE:**

**Job 14:14**, If a man die, shall he live again?

**Hebrews 9:27**, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:"

## **WHAT ABOUT REWARDS AFTER DEATH?**

**I Corinthians 3:14-15**, "IF any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. IF any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."

## **"IF" FOR AMERICA:**

**II Chronicles 7:12-14**, "And the Lord appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice. IF I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; IF my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

## **"IF" WITH A GREAT ASSURANCE:**

"In my Father's house are many mansions: IF it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." - **John 14:2-3**

## **AFFIRMATION OF THE ABOVE PROMISE:**

"And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." - **Acts 1:9-11**

## **I THESSALONIANS 4:13-18**

"13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jē'sus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jē'sus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words."