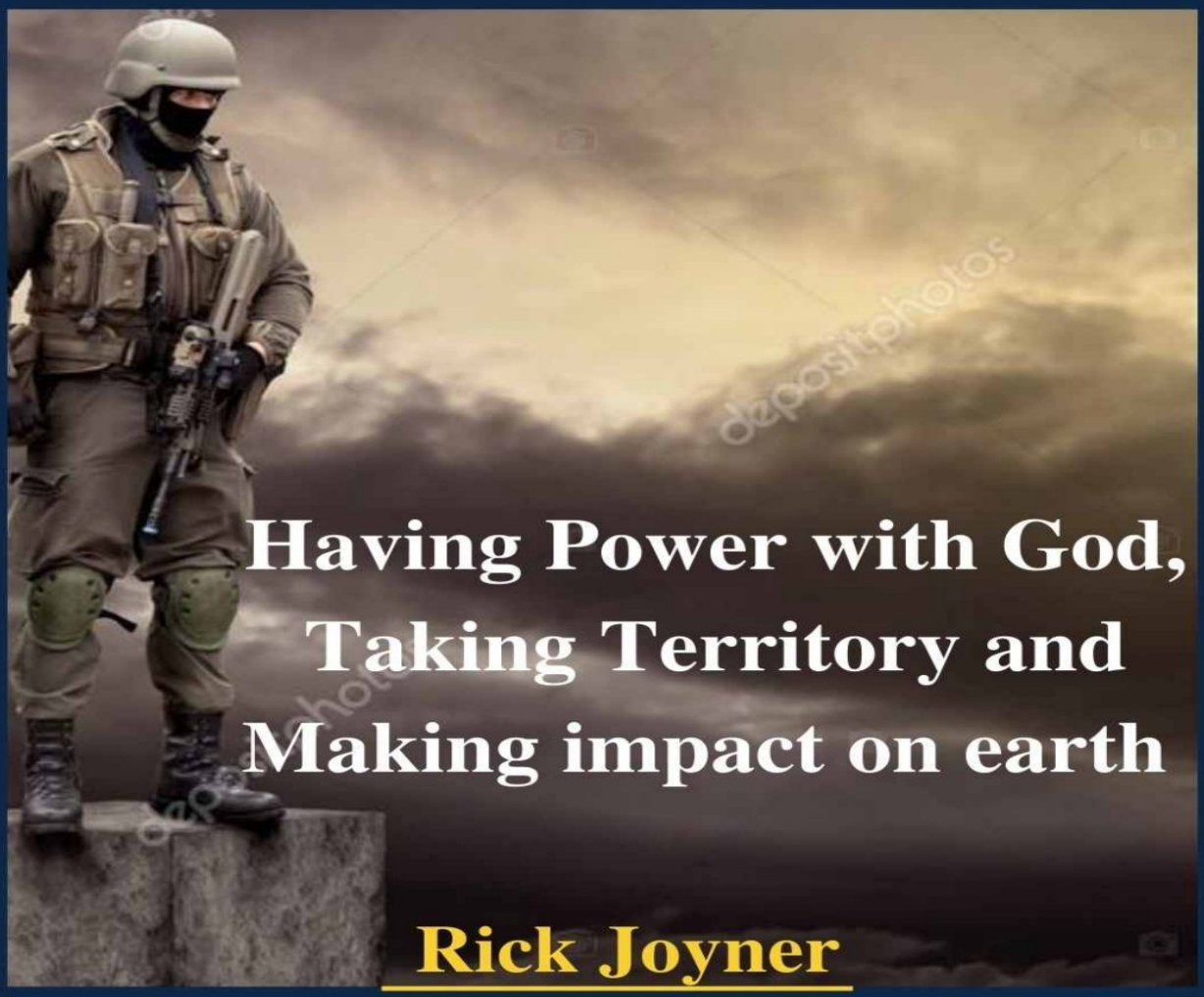
THE WATCHMEN



Rick Joyner

THE WATCHMEN:

Having Power with God, Taking Territory and Making impact on earth

Rick Joyner

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, distributed, or transmitted in any form or by any means, including photocopying, recording, or other electronic or mechanical methods, without the prior written permission of the publisher, except in the case of brief quotations embodied in critical reviews and certain other noncommercial uses permitted by copyright law.

Copyright © (Rick Joyner), (July 4, 2022).

Table of contents

Introduction

PART ONE
Where are the Watchmen ?
The watchmen appointed by God
The Watchmen chosen by man (the people)
Those who made themselves watchmen

PART TWO
The ability to intercede
A righteous Man's Prayer
The heavenly builders

PART THREE
A Watchman's Position
The prayer posture
The foresight position:
Sensitivity's Position:
The Discernment Position:
Final Words.

Introduction

The watchman's ministry is spiritual, and true vision can only be found in the spiritual realm, which can only be reached through the power of prayer and worship. The purpose of prayer is to help purify what we see. Prayer can also sometimes be used to calm down a riot or drive away an intruder without the need to alert the elders or carpenters. In short, the first step in being a kingdom watchman is to be in fellowship with God rather than looking for enemies to attack or destroy. In this book, you will be opened up to how and what position a watchman should take in order to succeed in the battle of life.

PART ONE

Where are the Watchmen ?

You who [are His servants] and by your prayers remind the Lord [of His promises] do not be silent. I have posted watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem, who will not sleep, day or night.

****ISAIAH 62:6, AMP****

Depending on the degree of faith a man has, he may also be given the grace to serve as a watchman over a family, a church, or a nation.

The Bible also affirms that some people are eunuchs by birth, while others have been made eunuchs by others, and still others have made the decision to live that way in order to advance the cause of the heavenly Kingdom (Matt.19:12). Additionally, some people have accepted God's call to serve as watchmen; others have chosen to do so because they witnessed their people groaning in pain and sorrow and were unable to bear to see them suffer needlessly.

It is crucial that you make yourself available for the turning point in your family's and your life's success during this time. Simply put, nothing happens in this kingdom. Most importantly in the place of prayer, the majority of the greatness you see men walking in was fought for.

So that we can fully appreciate everything that the eternal God has given us, we must live life seriously. You must also be aware that if the proper steps are not taken to gather them, the enemy may withhold any resource that God has given you (Dan.10:12). Every destiny requires diligence, as I have always told my people, so if you want to reach the heights of greatness and secure the liberation of your people and nations, you must be prepared to join the ministry of the intercessors, which will be your means of transportation to the city of everlasting greatness.

The watchmen appointed by God

There are three types of watchmen, as I've already mentioned. The first group consists of those whom God Himself appointed to keep watch over a particular region or country. The prophet Ezekiel is a prime example of one of these people.

"Son of man, you have been chosen to serve as Israel's watchman. When you get a message from me, let everyone know right away.

Ezek 3:17–18 (NLT)

The "hyper-sensitive" watchmen are the first group of watchmen. The message they received from God directly is conveyed to the populace. They act as the doorkeepers who open the public's access to God's Word. A penalty will be returned to them if they refuse to hear the message that God is sending to His people or if the message is too difficult for them to understand (Ezek.3:18).

In order for them to convey His message to His people, the God who chose them bestowed special grace upon them.

Jeremiah is another well-known person who was appointed a watchman (Jer.1:5). Jeremiah wants to fully fulfill his role as a watchman for the people as part of his prophetic agenda. This delicate position of watchman must always be treated seriously and with care because it determines a country's

fate. People are not simply called into it by God. By means of ordination and selection, he appoints men to this position.

In his book "Rediscovering the Kingdom," Myles Munroe, of blessed memory, notes that while the idea of going to heaven in the sweet future may have a lot of appeal, people who are having a difficult time adjusting to daily life need a message to support them in the "sour here and now." Instead of teaching them how to flee from the world, we should teach them how to live in it.

What a remarkable fact! Additionally, God creates watchmen in order to create a means of communicating with His beloved people on earth. Through His watchmen, God issues a spiritual warning to those who stray from His intended course. The watchmen's ministry is a delicate one, especially for those whom God has personally called.

Furthermore, in addition to calling and justifying those whom he called, glorifying those whom he justified, he also called those whom he predestined.

Rom. 8:3 (KJV).

We must acknowledge that not everyone was called by God for a specific task. He selected a select group for this watchmen ministry. I don't mean all. Those who God called from birth were those He predestined to travel with as touching this office. Though each person manifests in the aforementioned ministry at a different time and in a different season, if they are truly called, it is from birth (Jer.1:5a).

When God calls someone to be a watchman, he has already given that person the grace to finish the job.

They were also anointed for the roles that he assigned to several people in the scripture. He anoints before calling, and after calling, he has displayed the sign for the call.

The primary responsibility of God's watchmen for His people is to remind God of His promises and His plans for them (Isaiah 62:6b). These individuals [the watchmen] are adamant about having been called into this ministry. Because of this, they won't allow God to rest until He carries out what He has promised (Isaiah 62:6c).

You are not one of those He has chosen to be a watchman over His entire household if you are unsure of the message you delivered to God, as in the case where you said it once and then promptly forgot everything you said before. Your conviction and perseverance in spreading God's message serve as the best evidence that you are speaking for God to the people.

A true watchman will never stop reminding God of what was shown, and such a person will not change their words or coin them for the people, even if you deliver a message correctly but the outcome is delayed. These groups of individuals keep watch over the city or region until the Lord fulfills His promise to the populace.

The Watchmen chosen by man (the people)

One who is chosen by a man or a group of people is the second kind of watchman.

These watchmen were frequently picked in order to please the person who had appointed them to that position.

When Saul's watchmen in Gibeah, Benjamin, turned to look, they saw that the crowd had dispersed and had resumed their fighting.

KJV, 1 Sam. 14:16.

The watchman appointed by man or people is to deliver the message for man to man or people, just as God's chosen watchman is to deliver a message from God to His people or a nation. The accuracy versus human guesswork is where the two differ. Why do I say that? The first will be steadfast in reminding God of what He promised He would do, while the second might be too timid to approach the one or the people who hired him as a watchman.

While the second thought that the people or the one who enlisted him might not be accurate or reliable, the first thought that God, who has chosen or enlisted him, can always be trusted; that is, he believed that God never fails.

And it happened that Samuel appointed his sons as judges over Israel when he was old. And his sons did not follow his example; instead, they turned away in search of wealth, accepted bribes, and distorted justice.

KJV 1 Sam 8:1, 3.

The Hebrew word "shaphat," which means to plead, govern, contend, or defend, is the root of the English word "judges." If we take a close look at a watchman's life, we can see that they have roles in arguing, defending, and making decisions. Here, we can see that Samuel appointed Joel and Abiah as judges (watchmen) for the Israelite city of Beer-Sheba.

When we examine this closely, we discover that God's appointment of a man to the position of watchman, either over a people or a territory, is far more reliable because God's appointment is without ambiguity (James 1:17). Furthermore, he is not a man who would lie, nor is he a human being who would regret his words.

Another crucial lesson to be drawn from the watchmen chosen by man is that they lack the spiritual vision to recognize when evil or danger is lurking in a territory or among the people who need to be protected.

They wouldn't be able to avert the threat even if they could see it coming. They saw the threat approaching Saul's servant until they were almost killed, as in the case of King Saul's watchmen (1 Sam.14:16). But as for the watchmen appointed by God, they are constantly alert to hear from him with messages or directives for his people.

And if your people have designated you as the family's watchman, all you may ever see may be the manifestations of dangers or evils aimed at the whole family. Being a watchman is good, but being the one chosen by God to be a watchman is preferable.

One of the signs of knowing that you have been chosen to stand in the gap or as a watchman is when you are not comfortable with the situations or conditions of your family, people, or nation.

If you are in the category of those yearning for the deliverance of your people from the shackles of the wicked, then you have been enlisted as a watchman over your people. The first step in accepting this call is to make sure you believe there is a place for the ministry of a watchman, and secondly, you must be aware that God is the one calling the enlister.

Those who made themselves watchmen

The last group of watchmen are those who have chosen to serve in that capacity. The majority of the time, those who fall into this category are there because of external factors. Even though the Bible contains many instances of people acting as watchmen, the case of Anna the prophetess sounds particularly significant.

I've observed a lot of people, particularly some of my friends, who have appointed themselves watchmen, if not for the neighborhood as a whole, then at least for their own families. The issue they are having at home is what actually draws them into that realm.

They became watchmen for their families because of the intensity and power of their prayer and communion with God, and some of them unwittingly advanced to the level of being watchmen for their entire region. God will frequently use your circumstances to mold you into His watchman. From that point forward, you will become God's watchman.

And there was one Anna, a prophetess, who was the daughter of Phanuel and a member of the Aser tribe. Anna was very old and had been married for seven years at the time of her virginity.

She remained in the temple as a widow for about forty-four years, serving God by fasting and praying throughout the day (Luke 2:36-37, KJV). The story of this widow shows how she

became a watchwoman at the Lord's gate, keeping watch day and night for the Messiah's arrival in order to open the gate for Him. She was transported to that realm and dimension by certain events.

Finally, she took on the role of a watchman, keeping watch every day at the Lord's gate to announce to the world when the true arrival of the Savior is (Luke 2:28). Whether or not God has called or appointed you, you can set yourself up to be one of His watchmen by adopting a watchman's stance.

PART TWO

The ability to intercede

Additionally, [Jesus] gave them a parable to emphasize the importance of always praying and avoiding cowardice (faint, lose heart, and give up).

(AMP) Luke 18:1-2

The keys to the Kingdom were a promise made by the Lord Jesus Christ to His disciples before He left this world (Matt.16:19). Because they had not yet attained the status of true Sons of the Kingdom and entered the stage of Kingdom-related maturity, he did not give them the keys (Heb.6:1). The Kingdom's mystery can only be understood by the Kingdom Sons (Matthew 13:11).

So, do you aspire to success in everything you do? then make a stand. David was aware of the purpose of intercession. He continued, saying as follows in Psalm 122:6:

Pray for Jerusalem to be at peace. God bless those who love the Holy City (AMP).

In this context, the Hebrew word for "prayer" is "shawal," which means to ask or inquire on someone else's behalf and, implicitly, to request or, more explicitly, to demand:

-ask, beg, borrow, or earnestly lay a charge for. When you pray for others, cities, the entire community, or nations, you always shift the focus of your prayer from yourself to God. Therefore, whenever you pray to the point of producing the

desired results, expect overall prosperity. Men's inability to obtain prosperity when they pray stems primarily from their failure to wait long enough in His presence for the promise to be fulfilled. Galatians 4:19 provides us with a hint on this subject:

Do you understand how I currently feel and how I will continue to feel until Christ's life becomes evident in your lives? Similar to a mother giving birth (The Message translation).

If a woman in labor doesn't push through the discomfort of childbirth, she won't experience any positive outcomes. Hebrews 12:2 says that despite the fact that she is currently experiencing stress and pain, she would endure them for the joy that is waiting for her in the future. The promise would be fulfilled if she could persevere.

A righteous Man's Prayer

Many people struggled in prayer to the point where they could no longer continue. After that, they changed their minds. The crucial junction is not an obvious one, but rather the spot where the water is about to burst forth from the rock. All of a man's waiting seasons will undoubtedly be in vain if he doesn't see them through, and his labor won't produce anything noteworthy. Because gold is not always found above the earth's surface, you must work if you are to receive great rewards for your efforts in His presence. Let's look at what James says in relation to this:

A righteous man's effective, fervent prayer is very beneficial. 17. He was a person with a nature similar to ours, and he fervently prayed for it not to rain; as a result, the land went without rain for three years and six months. 18. He then prayed once more, causing the heavens to open and the earth to bear fruit. (James 5:16-18).

It requires tribulation to give birth to the promise. Apostle Ayo Babalola of the Nigerian Christ Apostolic Church groaned continuously for seven days because he wanted a certain result. I went on a tour to one of the mountains where he typically prayed a number of years ago.

He once prayed for people's prayer requests on this same mountain; in front of the onlookers, all the papers went straight to heaven until they lost all trace of them in the sky. He was a man of God's presence, and as a result, he

committed evil deeds in the name of righteousness before departing from this world.

Another time, after spending several hours praying, he lay down stretched and a very large python came to swallow him alive at midnight. However, as soon as the python touched his body, it dried up as if he had been placed in an oven. That is what a true Kingdom man can experience as a result of being able to spend more time in God's presence.

Those who fervently pray on behalf of others and nations until the outcome is realized will undoubtedly prosper.

You have not prayed fervently enough if you have been praying but not seeing the desired results.

Elijah was aware that giving birth requires prayer. He made the most of it by praying seven times in a row about a specific issue until the desired outcome materialized. "I saw a little cloud about the size of a man's hand, rising from the sea," Elijah's servant exclaimed (1 Kings 18:44).

Elijah must have been thinking to himself that this was the anticipated outcome. You need to be reminded that not all of the Father's promises are cheap, and when you understand that it takes a tough man to continue on a difficult path, you will be better prepared to dominate the opponents to your ascent.

Again, if you prayed and received no answer, it means that you did not pray fervently enough. Therefore, it is essential that you modify your prayer habits and put in work if you want to see progress in your prayers.

Being a watchman on behalf of one's people, community, and entire country in accordance with the degree of grace bestowed upon one is one of the fundamental responsibilities of the Kingdom man (Eph.4:7). The watchmen were specifically taught how to tell the enemy from their own.

They were prone to sounding the alarm for the elderly and the carpenters in order to open the gates when necessary, and they had to be absolutely perfect in their discernment. It was a big job with a lot of responsibility, so extreme dependability and accuracy were needed.

According to my book, "The Prophetic Ministry," the watchmen in the Bible occupied the following positions:

i. On the city's defenses (Isaiah 62:6-7)

ii. strolling through the city (Song of Solomon 3:3)

iii. In the countryside or on the hills (Jeremiah 31:6).

These taken as a whole can paint a clear picture of how this ministry is run. Watchmen on the city walls would have a better vantage point from which to view both the outside and the inside of the city. However, the watchmen lacked the power to confront their foe; instead, they could only inform the elders or carpenters who were seated in the gates.

According to Isaiah 62:6-7, the watchman's duties included both keeping watch and praying. "The place of prayer is crucial because most of our discernment will come in prayer," added Rick Joyner. According to Ezekiel 3:17, the watchman's duty was to hear from the Lord and alert the populace. Many of those whom the Lord has called to be watchmen veer off course at this point. Their discernment

and vision become clouded as they start to search more for the enemy than for the Lord.

The watchman's work is spiritual, and true vision can only be attained in the spiritual world, which can only be accessed through the power of prayer and worship. What we see needs to be purified, and that is the work of prayer.

Without even alerting the elders or the carpenters to sound the alarm, prayer can occasionally calm the disorder or drive the enemy away. In other words, the first step in being a kingdom watchman is to be in fellowship with God rather than looking for the enemies (see Jeremiah 6:17, Isaiah 21:5-10, and Hab.2:1-3).

Knowing the time is a requirement for a watchman. It is time for us to pray to God to raise Issachar's sons and daughters in the last days, those who understood time and seasons (1 Chr.12:32).

Finally, I really appreciate what Rick Joyner had to say about the watchman in his final note. The watchmen, he continued, "were not the eldest in the gates, and they had no power to open or close the gates of the city."

Additionally, they lacked the power to call on the militia to fight the enemy. Their only responsibility was to inform those in positions of authority of what they observed. Currently, the majority of pastors and elders are trying to serve their congregations in this capacity, which only deters them from their own calling. People who have this calling need to be identified, trained, and placed appropriately. We must do this while establishing and maintaining open lines of communication with them.

Ask God for the watchman's position if you want it. He is capable of moving you into it (Romans 4:17).

The heavenly builders

A man is not a true kingdom man if he cannot maintain the harmony of his office and calling in this kingdom. The elders or the carpenters each have a specific task pertaining to the business of the Kingdom to complete. What and how are these older people and carpenters?

Then the Lord revealed four carpenters to me. Then the Lord revealed four carpenters to me. What is this for? I had that thought. He continued, "These are the horns that have scattered Judah, and no one lifted up his head; but these have come to fray them, to cast out the horns of the Gentiles that lifted up their horns over the land of Judah to scatter it" (Zech.1:20-21, KJV).

God has appointed many of us to this position and has given the Kingdom carpenters, or elders, the primary responsibility of judging every foe that the watchmen have identified. Fervent prayers are all that are necessary to unlock the powers ingrained in this position.

After the watchmen have completed their own task of spotting those horns like the angels in Zechariah 1:19–21, the nations and families that have been given over to many kingdom sons and daughters to judge as a carpenter will be filled with evils once more if these kingdom men are unable to recognize themselves.

You must identify your positions in the kingdom business by the power of fervent prayer, lifting up to the One who is able to free your soul and the souls of your household from the grip of the enemy.

This will help you avoid falling into this life's quagmire as it affects all of life. Because if you seek after Him with all of your heart, He who has called you is faithful and will also take the steps necessary for the accomplishment of your calling (Jer.29:13). As a man of the kingdom, I fervently prayed on Him.

PART THREE

A Watchman's Position

But deliverance [for those who flee] will come from Mount Zion [in Jerusalem], and it will be holy; and the house of Jacob will reclaim its [previous] possessions.

OBADIAH 1:17, AMPLIFICATION

At this point, you should be aware that deliverance is usually obtained from Mount Zion rather than Zion.

As a result, the Apostle Paul writes to the Roman Church, "not because God's word has failed, but because not all who are Israel are descended from Israel" (Rom.9:6). "Because your parents belong to a prayer denomination does not guarantee that you will have a good prayer lifestyle, and because your parents are watchmen does not make you one." To obtain deliverance for yourself and your people, you must travel from your Zion to Mount Zion.

And the majority of the stolen or hidden possessions are kept on Mount Zion rather than in Zion itself. It is therefore critical that you prepare to mount up with eagle wings and command deliverance for your Jacobs.

As a true watchman, you must adopt four postures in order to become the true God's watchman. God is not preparing you for yourself, but He is preparing you as the last day army, ready to blow the trumpet of deliverance, restoration, and great finishing to others in order for them to be ready for the end, which is rapidly approaching. People must be released

from the shackles and manacles of the adversary, which have caused many to fall into the dungeon of oblivion while waiting for their deliverer to arrive.

Let us examine the four postures required to become one of God's watchmen on the last day.

The prayer posture

The watchman went up to the roof over the gate to the wall, lifted his eyes, and saw a man running alone.

2 Samuel 18:24 (KJV).

The first posture that a true watchman should adopt is that of prayer. The watchman, like the Apostle Peter (Acts 10:9), went up to the roof before being directed to Cornelius' house, as we can see in the scripture above. Going up here means praying. The best way to pray for a true watchman is in the Spirit. Let us now look at the Passion translation of Romans 8:

Similarly, the Holy Spirit seizes us in our human frailty to empower us in our weakness. For example, we may not always know how to pray or what to ask for. However, the Holy Spirit rises within us to intercede on our behalf, pleading to God with emotional sighs that are too deep for words (Rom.8:26, TPT).

When you examine the meaning of the word "sighs," you will see why praying in other tongues (in the Spirit) is the best form of prayer. Groan is another word for sigh. Three groans are found in the preceding chapter of the Bible. This is to emphasize the significance of praying in the Holy Spirit.

Creation groans for God's children's glorious freedom.

We yearn for the fullness of our status as God's children.

And the Holy Spirit cries out for our entire destiny to be fulfilled here on Earth.

What else do we need when we consider the three reasons for praying in the Spirit and the results that occur as the Holy Spirit assists us in praying? As true watchmen, we must pray daily, especially in the Spirit, at the gate where we stand to carry out our duties as servants of the Most High God in Zion.

The foresight position:

The watchman cried out and informed the king. "If he is alone," the king said, "there are tidings in his mouth." And he approached quickly.

2 Samuel 18:25 (KJV).

Another posture that a true watchman should adopt is that of foresight. He must have the ability to see. In other words, he must be alert, as opposed to Eutychus, who fell from his position as a guard at the gate of night watch in Zion (Acts 20:7-12).

Thank God for men like the Apostle Paul, who saw him after he had fallen from the top and was dead. He saw with the eyes of the Spirit that, despite being physically dead, he still had life in him. He resurrected after being laid on (verses 11-12). This is to inform you that the posture of foresight is critical in the life of a watchman.

As God's true watchman, you must be vigilant, watching both day and night to see what is coming into or leaving the city through the eyes of your Spirit (2 Sam.18:24c). We can conclude that such a watchman has gained foresight.

Sensitivity's Position:

And the watchman noticed another man running alone, so he called to the porter, "Behold, another man running alone."
2 Samuel 18:26 (KJV).

According to Merriam-Webster, sensitivity is the state of being aware of the needs and emotions of others. It is an organism's biological ability to respond to stimulation. In science, this is referred to as irritability.

Seeing how the watchman first saw the man running alone in the twenty-fourth verse of the same chapter eighteenth of the book of 2 Samuel, and how he was sensitive enough to see another man running again in the twenty-sixth verse.

It follows that the said watchman was perceptive enough to detect another man about to enter the city. If he hadn't been sensitive enough, he wouldn't have been on the lookout for another man entering the camp.

To be enlisted as a true watchman of the Most High, you must adopt a sensitive posture. In order to succeed in the master's agenda and mandate upon the cosmos, every watchman is always sensitive to the leadings of the Spirit.

The Discernment Position:

And the watchman said, "I think the foremost runner is like Ahimaaz, the son of Zadok." "He is a good man, and he brings good tidings," the king said.

2 Samuel 18:27 (KJV).

The final position of God's watchman over His people is one of discernment. In Acts 16:16-24, the Apostle Paul discerned the evil spirit of divination in the life of that slave girl. As a result, a good soldier (true watchman) of God who watches daily at the gate of Jerusalem must be wise.

Several people who have gone before us, those who have done terrible things in righteousness, conquered territories, and stopped the mouths of lions, were said to be discerning (Heb.11:33), because they knew what great joy awaited them beyond the boundary of this earth realm (Heb.13:1-2).

As a result, it is critical to take the watchmen's ministry seriously. Many things in this world will no longer frighten you if you have discernment. Because of the greater glory that awaits you, jealousy, envy, anger, and all other forms of unrighteousness will be far from you.

Final Words.

I'd like to charge you here with enrolling in the Intercessors' School. This is not an institution designed by or for tyrants. The question I have for you now is whether you are willing to watch your people perish in the pit of oblivion where they have been placed. Did your generation die in the adversary's prison?

But this is a robbed and spoiled people; they are all snared in holes and hidden in prison houses; they are for a prey, and no one delivers; they are for a spoil, and no one says, restore.

KJV: Isa 42:22

Even if God has not called you to be a watchman, circumstances and the affliction of your loved ones should push you into that school. It is not too late to reclaim everything that your foundation's enemies have stolen from you and your people.

You must also enroll in the school of the watchmen, as David did when the enemies took over Ziklag. He enrolled in the watchmen's school and asked God what he should do. Before you knew it, the answer was given; he not only took over from his enemies, but also recovered everything he had lost and took possession of the Amalekites (1 Sam.30).

You must be remembered for something after you leave here. You must then join the watchmen who will exhume the

glory of your people and nation that has been buried in the ground of the wicked and deliver and restore those who have been taken captive.