

November 6th – Every Christian is a Watchman

“Son of man, I have made you a watchman.”
(Eze. 3:17)

We’ve all studied enough history to know what a watchman is. Ancient civilizations used to build walls around their cities to keep enemies out. The city’s leadership would appoint men to act as watchman. They would place them at watch posts on various parts of the wall. If the watchman saw that everything was calm on the horizon, he didn’t have to say anything. If he saw the enemy charging toward the city, it was his job to sound the alarm and warn the inhabitants about coming danger.

God made Ezekiel a watchman to his countrymen, Israel. God sent His judgment to His people because they rebelled against Him. God called Ezekiel to warn His people about the coming judgment. If God told Ezekiel to say something and Ezekiel sounded the alarm, the people would die and their blood would be required at their own hands. But, if God said “speak” and Ezekiel did nothing, the people would still die in their own sins, but their blood would be required at the hands of Ezekiel.

When you think about it, that’s a huge responsibility God put on Ezekiel. But did you know that He has put the same responsibility on us? God has entrusted us with the Gospel – the Good News about the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. If we share the message of salvation, many people will not receive it, but we will not be responsible for their eternal punishment. If we refuse to share the Good News, we will have to answer for our silence when we stand before God. I’m praying that God will help us all to do the work of a faithful watchman by sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.