

# Are You Warning Sinners?

“Now it came to pass at the end of seven days that the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear a word from My mouth, and give them warning from Me: "When I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked [man] shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. "Yet, if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul. "Again, when a righteous [man] turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die; because you did not give him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand. "Nevertheless if you warn the righteous [man] that the righteous should not sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live because he took warning; also you will have delivered your soul.” (Eze 3:16-21 NKJV)

Four types of people are in this passage. The good watchman, the bad watchman, the wicked, and the outwardly righteous. Let us consider the latter two first.

Both the wicked and the righteous in this passage are lost. We know this because the righteous will never die in their sin. In addition, this is clear because we know God would not put a stumbling block in front of His children. A stumbling block refers to something that causes a professing believer to get tripped up and fall away from the faith. True believers will never fall away.

Now the emphasis in the passage is on being a good watchman. A good watchman will warn both the wicked and outwardly righteous to turn from sin. This is the task. Today many believe sharing the Gospel is going through Roman’s Road or leading a person to choose Christ. Explaining the doctrine of salvation is part of the Gospel, but it is only part.

People struggle with the question, “Is this person saved or not?” I would like to suggest to you that this is not your main duty as it relates to those around you. Your duty is to warn both about the consequences of sin. We must warn both the wicked and the outwardly righteous, when we see them commit sin, that God has promised they will die in their sin unless they turn from their wickedness.

Are you busy about warning people about sin and its consequences? If you are not, then hear the warning in this passage. God will require their blood at your hand. I am not sure exactly what that means. At the very least there must be an accounting someday. Can you imagine the pain and shame you will feel as soul after soul falls into the outer darkness where the fire eternally torments?

Deal with the challenges God brings your way. He will not put anything before you that you cannot handle by faith in Him. Remember; don’t focus on the product so much. Concentrate on the process. Deal with what is before you. Deal with sin; be a good watchman and warn those who commit sin.