

Heed the Watchman!

Ezekiel 33:1-20

Main Point:

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1. It's essential that you heed the warning of God's watchman.
2. The way to heed the warning is by turning from your evil ways.
3. Turning from evil is not a one-time act, but a sustained lifestyle.
4. Heed the warning of God's watchman and continuously turn from evil so that you live forever.

Derek Thomas “The watchman had a responsibility: to warn of approaching danger. But the people were likewise responsible - to react accordingly.”

Iain Duguid “No one who has read chapters 4-32 can doubt the prophet’s faithfulness to proclaiming the judgment to come ...”

Christopher Wright “The main point of this repeated sermon ... is to hammer home the vital responsibility that lay on the people as they listened to Ezekiel ...”

WSC 87 Q. What is repentance unto life? A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

Christopher Wright “The watchman brings not just warning to the wicked, but also hope. They can turn around. They can turn away from sin and towards God, and in doing so they can find life.”

Matthew Henry “He fancies that whatever evil deeds he may do hereafter he can be in no danger from them, having so many good deeds beforehand to counterbalance them.”

Matthew Henry “When he becomes a traitor and a rebel, and takes up arms against his rightful Sovereign, it will not serve for him to plead in his own defense that formerly he was a loyal subject, and did many good services to the government.”

Martin Luther “When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, 'Repent,' he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.”

Colossians 1:21-23 21 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled 22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight— 23 if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard ... (NKJV)

Matthew Henry “It is certain that God has no delight in the ruin of sinners, nor does he desire it. If they will destroy themselves, he will glorify himself in it, but he has no pleasure in it ...”