52 Days of Building a Second Wall with the Word and Wisdom

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Day 47 – June 29, 2013

Psalm 119:137 “ My zeal has consumed me, because my adversaries have forgotten Thy words.”

Judgment is at the door of the church; and we must be prepared to awaken those who are still asleep to the sound of the trumpet being blown in this hour. Christ is returning for the church, His pure and spotless bride; but if He was to return today, how many would He find ready to receive Him? The Lord is revealing His heart to the remnant, to those who are awake.

Amos 3:7-8 "Surely the Lord God does nothing unless He reveals His secret counsel to His servants the prophets. …The Lord God has spoken! Who can but prophesy?”

These messages we are receiving from the Lord are not only for our personal consumption, but to share with the body of Christ all over the world. We are compared to a watchman, one who has discerning eyes and ears to see what is coming in the distance and then they will sound a warning. As the Lord speaks to us about the coming judgment preceding His return, we must share His words of encouragement and rebuke. We are to be a prophet like Hosea, and put the trumpet to our lips. (Hosea 8:1).

The word for trumpet is *shophar*. This trumpet made from a curved animal horn was used by a watchman to warn a city of danger or the approach of a messenger. The voice of the prophet was compared to this trumpet.

**Ezekiel 3:17** "Son of man, I have appointed you a watchman to the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from My mouth, warn them from Me.

When we have to speak a word of judgment to someone, we feel like we have cut them to ribbons, severely wounding them. But if we speak the truth and speak it with the aroma of God’s love, it will shape them in to the person the Lord is seeking.

**Hosea 6:5** “Therefore I have hewn them in pieces by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of My mouth; and the judgments on you are like the light that goes forth.”

**Hewn** means to cut and make smooth or even; to shape by cutting or by a chisel; to cut down, to make something new by carving, to cut some pieces out from something. God is sending His prophets to shape an individual, church, city or nation; but if the truth is rejected the people will have to pay the penalty of the judgment that must follow.

Habakkuk knew as a prophet he had a responsibility to God to speak His Words to the people, and not be moved by the circumstances or the people. He would be concerned about the words of judgment that were being spoken, but he had to stand firm on who God was.

**Habakkuk 2:1-3** “I will stand on my guard post and station myself on the rampart; and I will keep watch to see what He will speak to me, and how I may reply when I am reproved. Then the LORD answered me and said, ‘Record the vision and inscribe it on tablets that the one who reads it may run. For the vision is yet for the appointed time; it hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; for it will certainly come, it will not delay.’”

We see great instructions for watchmen in this passage.

* We must stand on our guard post, to remain faithfully on the wall, not moved by the people we speak to.
* We must station ourselves on the ramparts (wall), living with Him in a special place of prayer, worship, and the Word.
* We must keep watch to see, looking for Him to speak to us in dreams and visions.
* We must keep watch to listen to His words as we regularly spend time in His Word.
* We must write down and send out what He is saying, sincerely making His words plain for all the read.
* We must wait on the Lord, laying down our agendas, to hear what is on His heart and what we need to do. .

Hearing the voice of God is important for us in this hour. We must enter into the Most Holy Place and take a humble posture before God that enables us to hear His voice.

**Jeremiah** **6:17** "And I set watchmen over you, saying*,* 'Listen to the sound of the trumpet!' But they said, 'We will not listen.'”

We must share the word of the Lord with those the Lord tells us to, we must sound the trumpet, no matter what their response might be. God needs us to be faithful to what He is telling us to do in this hour. This is why He must deal with the wounds of our hearts. We cannot have any issues of rejection, fear, worthlessness, shame, insecurity or hopelessness. Our wounded hearts must be healed, so they do not hinder the work the Lord needs to be done. If we have any of these issues, and someone mockingly rejects the truth, we will be very hesitant to tell the next person the Lord assigns us to warn.

Moses had issues with fear and rejection that the Lord had to heal Him of. They came to light when the Lord called Him to speak to Pharaoh. He made many excuses for himself. The Lord assured him by saying, I am the One who made your mouth, I know what you are capable of doing. I will give you the words you need to say; just go and do what I say and trust Me in the doing.

**How many times has the Lord asked us to do something and we come up with excuse after excuse or ask Him to ask someone else?** Fear and lack of trust hold us back. The Lord will be with us every step and He will give us all we need to share the truth with those the Lord has put before us. **We must trust in His strength and not our weaknesses.**

Do we realize the anger of the Lord will arise against us if we don't go when He says go? **We have been called to be His watchmen in this hour and we must take this responsibility very seriously.**

Please read Ezekiel 33:1-11. This passage is a warning to the watchmen and to the people being warned. If the truth is spoken and heeded, life; but if it is not spoken or not heeded, death!

**Ezekiel 33:5-7** “He heard the sound of the trumpet but did not take warning; his blood will be on himself. But had he taken warning, he would have delivered his life. But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet and the people are not warned, and a sword comes and takes a person from them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require from the watchman's hand. Now as for you, son of man, I have appointed you a watchman for the house of Israel; so you will hear a message from My mouth and give them warning from Me.”

People are responsible for the sins they commit, and the Lord will judge them accordingly, but we are to warn them! God is pleading with us as his watchmen to warn all the people of the coming judgment for their sins. He does not want any to perish, but they will if they do not repent!

**Ezekiel 33:11** "Say to them, 'As I live!' declares the Lord GOD, 'I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways! Why then will you die, O house of Israel?'”

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**Please read Isaiah 50:4-5** Pray this to God as a commitment as His watchman. Write it down and put it in a place where you will see your commitment to the Lord.

God desires for us to encourage others with His Word. We must be positioned every day to receive instructions from the Lord. We walk in disobedience if we are not seeking the Lord every day. His Word needs to pierce our hearts first so we are changed from the inside, and then ready to share the word with others in our day, strengthened by His presence to give words of encouragement without the fear of rejection.

**Please continue to read Psalm 119:129-152** and work on your **memory verse: Psalm 119:130.**