

The Watchman Anointing

We are called to be watchmen in this critical hour in which we live. It is important that we understand the concept of the watchman, so we can learn how to be awake and watchful, and stand in the counsel of The Lord to know what He is saying and doing.

“Watchman” – What does it mean?

To watch means to look out, to peer into the distance, to investigate or get a new scope on something, to see an approaching danger (2 Kings 9:17, 18) and **WARN** those endangered, to review and evaluate your household (Prov. 31:27), or to **SEE** so you can **GUARD** your **FUTURE!**

“Now a watchman stood on the tower in Jezreel, and he saw the company of Jehu as he came, and said, ‘I see a company of men.’” 2 Ki 9:17

“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear a word from my mouth, and given them warning for Me” Ezk. 3:17

“She watches over the ways of her household” Pro. 31:27

“Be diligent to know the state of your flocks, and attend to your herds” Pro 27:23

9 Definitions of the Word Watchman in the O/T

1. **Shaqad (to "be alert")** - to be wakeful, so you can see either for good or evil (Jer. 31:28, 51:12; Isa. 29:20).
“And it shall come to pass, that as I have watched over them to pluck up, to break down, to throw down, to destroy, and to afflict, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord” Jer. 31:28
2. **Shamar (to "protect")** - may mean a day or night watch; there was a guard over the King's House (2 Kgs. 11:5-7, Neh. 4:9; 7:3)
“Nevertheless we made our prayer to our God, and because of them we set a watch against then day and night.” Neh. 4:9
3. **Tsaphah (to "lean forward")** - to peer into the distance, to observe, await – behold, espy, look up, wait for, keep the watch
“I will stand my watch and set myself on the rampart, and watch to see what He will say to me...” Hab. 2:1
4. **Natsar (to "guard")** - in a good sense or bad (to conceal); hidden thing, besieged, keep, observe, preserve, monument, watcher (-man)
5. **Shomrah (watch for restraint)** - "Set a watch, O Yahweh, before my mouth" (Ps. 141:3)
6. **Gregoreuo (to "keep awake, to watch")** - to take heed, unless through neglect, passivity, and indolence one be led to forsake Christ (Mt. 26:41; Mk. 14:38)

“Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak” Matt. 26:41

7. **Nepho (to "abstain from wine, be sober")** - used in the NT figuratively, to be calm and collected in spirit; to be temperate, dispassionate, and circumspective (1 Thess. 5:6; 2 Tim. 4:5)

“Therefore let us not sleep as others do, but let us watch and be sober” 1Thess. 5:6

8. **Koustodia;Mishmereth** (to guard) - a Roman sentry, one of the soldiers who guarded the tomb of the Lord (Mt. 27:65-66, 28:11)

9. **'Ashmurah, 'Ashmoreth; Phulake** (a division of the night) - The night was originally divided into three watches (Judg. 7:19), but later into four, as we find in the New Testament (Mt. 14:25; Mk. 6:48). The fourfold division was according to the Roman system, each of which was a fourth part of the night. Tonight at IHOPTLH, we are participating in the “Night-watch” as we watch & pray through the night hours.

Dutch Sheets' book, Watchman Prayer explains the watchman as follows: *The three primary Hebrew words in the Old Testament for watchman are natsar, shamar, and tsaphah. These words have both a defensive or protective connotation and an offensive or aggressive application, with the defensive aspect being the most prominent in the Scriptures... Combining the definitions of these three words, which are used almost synonymously, their defensive concept essentially means to guard or protect through watching over or concealing. While applied to many subjects—crops, people, cities, etc.—the concept is usually preservation.*

The two New Testament Greek words for "watching," gregoreuo and agrupneo, also refer to protection, but they have the literal meanings of "being awake" or "sleepless." The picture is that of a sentry, lookout, or night watchman who is supposed to remain awake and alert, watching for signs of trouble. Hence the translation at times "be on the alert" (see Luke 21:36, 1 Cor. 16:13, Eph. 6:18, 1 Pet. 5:8). As He does so often in Scripture, the Holy Spirit uses these practical, physical activities of watchmen to symbolize spiritual functions, usually in reference to prophetic warnings and intercessory prayer

“Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong” – 1 Cor. 16:13

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication, being watchful to this end with all perseverance” Eph. 6:18

“Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion” 1 Pe. 5:8

Receive a New Measure of the Watchman Anointing

The Anointing breaks the yoke! The Lord is saying: "You are anointed! Allow the anointing in you to be released in a new way to watch and pray!" The anointing is Christ in us being released that breaks every yoke set against His will and purpose. The anointing is like oil. Not only do you become fragrant, but you are able to slip past the enemy and encroach on his territory. (Isaiah 10:27, I John 2:20, Isaiah 9:1-4).

“And it shall come to pass in that day that his burden will be taken away from your shoulder, and his yoke from your neck, and the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil.” Isa. 10:27

“But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you will know all things.” 1 John 2:20