

The Watchman

Ezekiel 3:16-27

I. Ezekiel's Audience, 15-16

Ezekiel took time to know the people

- 2:6, a sticky situation
- 2:10, effects of sin
- 3:15, Ezekiel is astonished
 - Dumbfounded; Ezra 9:3
 - Overwhelmed with task (sinful, stubborn, hateful people)?

We must know people

- Acts 2 / 16 / 9
- Acts 15 (Ga.4; Ro.14)
- Acts 19:1-7

Acts 2:38 – repent and _____?

Acts 8:22 – repent and _____?

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Watchmen Illustrated

- 2 Samuel 18:24-27
- 2 Kings 9:17-20

'Watchman' Implies:

1. Danger to people. Not just exile
2. Duty to people. 18: sg.
 - Jer.24, figs
 - Now: 'hard-headed' (2:4)

Shameless attitude:
will not lower his gaze;
will not yield even when guilty. 3:8

'Watchman' Implies:

1. Danger to people. Not just exile
2. Duty to people. 18: sg.
3. Directions to people. Inform

Sirens (1 Co.14:7-9)

Homeland security

Car recalls / Food...

Baby beds

Don't text and drive

'Watchman' Implies:

1. Danger to people. Not just exile
2. Duty to people. 18: sg.
3. Directions to people. Warn

Ezk.3:18, 19, 20

Ezk.33:7, 8, 9

▶ Acts 20:31; 1 Co.4:14; 1 Th.5:12...

'Watchman' Implies:

1. Danger to people. Not just exile
2. Duty to people. 18: sg.
3. Directions to people.
4. Death of people.

*Sleep; neglect duty. Is.56:9-10

*Want to please people. Gal.1:10

*Get distracted. 2 Tim.4:10

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Criminal negligence

- Neither ignorance of the people nor negligence of the preacher will spare lives
- God warns sinners through the watchman

¹Without the warning, they die, 33:4
(Ep.2:12)

²Blood on watchman's hands, 3:18
(Ac.18:6; 20:26-27)

Blood

- 3:18, habitual sinner, not warned:
blood also on watchman
- 3:19, habitual sinner, warned:
blood on own head
- 3:20, righteous man, not warned:
blood also on watchman
- 3:21, righteous man, warned:
blood on own head

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Chapter 2: indifference kills

Ezk.3:19 repeats Gn.2:17

- All need correction, 2 Tim.3:16-17
- All must covet correction, Pr.3:11
- Otherwise, apostasy (3:20)

Stumbling block:
opportunity for sin (7:19)

Former righteousness:
not remembered (Ezk.18)

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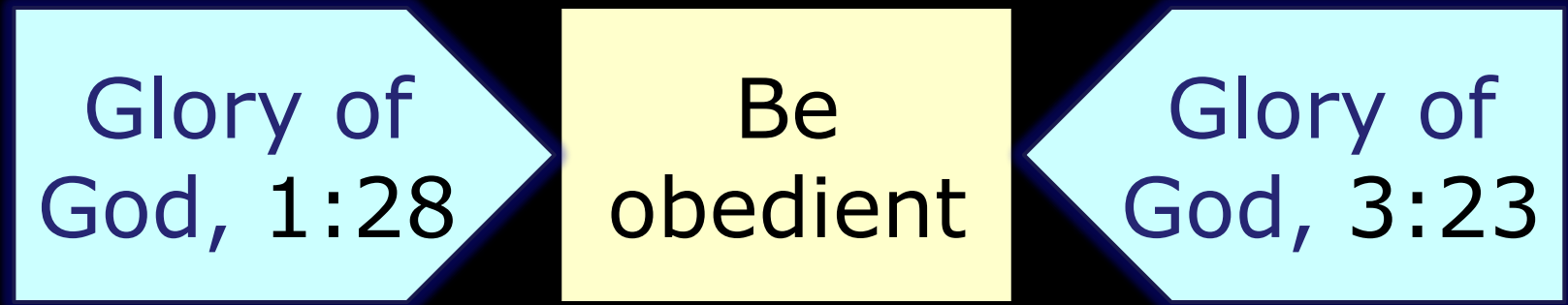
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V. Motivation, 22-27

Glory of God

1. Be obedient, 23



- ▶ 1:1-3:2, **eat scroll**: God is source of his words
- ▶ 3:23, **watchman**: 27, speak boldly without fear

Glory of God

1. Be obedient, 23
2. Be quiet, 26
3. Be accurate, 27

1. No wonder God shows
Ezekiel His glory

Deep, abiding knowledge of God
strengthens us for the task

Acts 9:...16

Fill in blank:

'When you refuse to warn _____
of his condition, his blood will be
on your head.'

2. False prophets led way to exile

Ezekiel taught God's truth – the people's greatest blessing.

2 Co.2:14-17

3. Ezekiel focused on faithfulness, not numbers

He never changed course, even
when everyone rejected his
message

2 Jn.9