

Watch and Pray!
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Ezekiel 33:7 So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me

Anytime prayer happens, there is also an assignment to watch! The two work together as a team to ensure the effectiveness of prayer as it pertains to the spiritual climate and atmosphere. Although culturally having your eyes closed isn't bad, those leading prayer should practice praying with their eyes open, but also having someone whose assignment is to watch and tune into what's going on in that specific place. **Matthew 26:40-45** *40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? 41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. 42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. 43 And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. 44 And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. 45 Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.* Notice in this scenario, Jesus was pleading with His disciples to not only pray for Him, because He needed strength to endure the assignment of dying for the sins of the world, but also to watch. Although He knew the time was approaching, the watchmen are there to alert when an attack, concern or even a blessing is approaching which will give time to prepare for it. There are times when you can pray for God's wisdom, strength and help in preparation, but also things that God will reveal which can be prevented! As a parent, God can give you an example of a sexual predator, a habit or even strongholds that may try to take hold of your children. As a watchman, you can summon the throne room of heaven for God to dispatch His angels to come fight on your behalf!

Psalms 103:20-22 Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, That do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; Ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure. Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Understand, as watchman, you have three jobs. See, tell God, and warn mankind. If there is danger on the horizon, you can't fight spiritual wars with physical weapons, there must be an alarm set off in the spirit through prayer that sends protection, relief, prevention and destruction to the enemy's camp by the Lord of Hosts. Who are these hosts? They are ministering and warring angels set to fight battles for you! No matter how much it looks like a carnal battle, you must realize, it must be won through God! The battle is not yours; it belongs to the Lord. His angels are waiting, so let them do the work! Pay attention to what happened when King Hezekiah was threatened with an attack of death and destruction by the Assyrian army.

2 Kings 19:32 *“Therefore this is what the Lord says concerning the king of Assyria: ‘Not only will he not approach this city or shoot an arrow in its direction, he won't approach it with so much as a shield, nor will he throw up a siege ramp against it. 33 He'll return on the same route by which he came—he won't come to this city,’ declares the Lord. 34 ‘I will defend this city and preserve it*

for my own reasons, and because of my servant David. ” 35 That very night, the angel of the Lord went out to the camp of the Assyrian army and killed 185,000 men. Early the next morning, when the army of Israel arose, all 185,000 soldiers were dead. 36 As a result, King Sennacherib of Assyria left and returned to Nineveh where he lived. 37 Later on, as he was worshiping in the temple of his god Nisroch, Adrammelech and Sharezer killed him with a sword and fled into the territory of Ararat. Then Sennacherib’s son Esarhaddon became king in his place. If there is something that you have seen in the spirit or natural that is too big for you, and haven’t taken it to God in prayer, wait no longer. To kill almost 200,000 soldiers, it only took one angel. This proves there is nothing too hard for God and His power is unmatched. Elder Star preached a message years ago and said, these hands are ready, well today, the heart of God is also saying, these angels are ready too.

As we define what it means to watch, the connotation relating to being sleep is not just a natural sleep, but spiritual.

Greek word for watch is *gregoreite* – to watch, to be awake, to watch on the alert, vigilant.

When Jesus confronted the disciples about watching, He responded by discerning the state of their flesh by saying it was weak. We must understand, we are spiritual beings having a human experience. Our flesh represents not only our physical side, but our temptations that cause us to sin and fall short of God’s standards and assignments. God telling us to watch is also saying, if we are in sin, come out! Don’t let temptations cause you to slumber and fall, consequently missing blessings, favor, but also unprecedented attacks. Get back up and get back on post!!! Sin’s objective is to make you miss the mark, but also great opportunities by distracting you from the voice of God!

Luke 12:37 *Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. 2 Peter 3:9-13* *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.*

The angels in heaven don’t even know when the Lord will come, and there will be no two-minute warning! We can discern by the seasons that it is close, but there will be no meteorologist to tell us when the clouds will part for the King of Kings to return. Our instruction is to watch by living with a holy expectation and praying! Live like you’re watching!

Prayer Topics

Students, teachers, administrators, and all staff for the 2024-2025 school year

- Praying against failing of standardized tests, bad peer pressure, ungodly habits, false identities, bullying, suicidal thoughts, depression, perversion, negative instructors, small budgets, school shootings, drugs on campus, negative spirits on specific campuses.
- Praying for promotion, outstanding achievements, honor roll, good friends, favor with teachers and principals, scholarships, record breaking accomplishments, higher school grades, sports championships, peace during instructional and non-instructional times, programs that advance all students and their giftings, divine opportunities, positive publicity.
- Shoes 4 School

Prayer and Meditation Scriptures

- *Deuteronomy 28:13* And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:
- *1 Corinthians 15:33-34* Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners. 34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God
- *Isaiah 54:17* No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.
- *Psalms 75:6-7* For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, Nor from the south. 7 But God is the judge: He putteth down one, and setteth up another.
- *1 Corinthians 6:9-11* Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Intercessory Training

1. **Cease and desist!** Pray that from the courts of heaven, God sends His angels with a legally enforceable order from the court and government of heaven directing every spirit, demon and even Satan himself to take his hands off God's people. This prayer is for this person individually and those connected to them. Every attack of sickness, disease, poverty, low self-esteem, division, manipulation, coarseness, generational curses and/or spirits must stop immediately by the power of God and the blood of Jesus. Pray for healing to break forth, deliverance to flow, and the infilling of the Holy Spirit! Declare and decree a cease and desist in the spirit by the power of God!

2. **Divine speed!** Pray for God to begin to accelerate those who have been bound by the spirit of procrastination and doubt. Although they will begin running with patience, allow their results to be exponential. As Jonah did a three-day journey in one day, allow the miraculous to take place with opportunities, promotions, advancement as it relates to their profession, relationships, finances but most of all spiritual growth. Don't let them be behind in any gift and allow the spirit of slumber and slothfulness to be broken from their lives and their bloodlines in Jesus' name! Allow heaven to release and unleash unlimited resources that have been held up. Send the rain and allow them to outrun the chariots! Pray for their hearts to be open and ready because they are about to take off!

3. **Move mountains!** Move barriers, and any blockades out of the way that have stood in the way of God's people whether they be spiritual or natural. As the walls of Jericho came down, allow the walls that have been hindering God's people from running, doing, excelling, and growing to come down. In this time of prayer, praise is necessary! Together as we praise, walls will fall in every life connected. This is the season to finish, to complete and to see the end of the thing which God has declared is better than the beginning. You couldn't see it, but this mountain has stopped and blocked financial increase, promotions, relationships, babies, businesses and things that you prayed for and waited to manifest. It's time to tell that mountain, that demon, that system and spiritual wickedness to get out of the way! Get ready, because the enemy that held you back, you will see no more, in Jesus' name!

End this time of prayer with a praise knowing It is already done! Prayer warriors be prepared for the spoil because we are taking back everything the enemy has stolen from us, in Jesus' name! Be blessed!