

## Watch

**Ezekiel 33:6-But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand. (KJV)**

Believers have a responsibility to remain alert, vigilant and to always watch. Attention must always be given to thoughts entering the mind, heart and soul. Parents are expected to be attentive to the behavior and interests of their children. Priests are to be attentive to their parishioners and alert them to existing dangers. The soul requires protection and nourishment to be fortified against sinful ways. Prayer, worship and fasting help the believer remain alert to the soul's peril.

**Daniel 4:13-I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and an holy one came down from heaven; (KJV)**

The hunger of the soul seeks and searches for the presence of God in daily life. The watcher will behold the Holy One when the heart, mind and soul are willing. Repentance makes room in the heart, mind and soul to welcome the Holy One. The Holy Prophets educate the watcher willing to embrace the way of the Holy. Life is enriched when the watcher is responsible in daily vigilance for the Lord. The Holy Prophets' messages are welcome to those seeking holiness in the Lord.

**Hosea 9:8-The watchman of Ephraim was with my God: but the prophet is a snare of a fowler in all his ways, and hatred in the house of his God. (KJV)**

The Holy Prophets reveal the ills of contemporary life and address present evils. Readers of the Holy Prophets will draw wisdom to apply in daily Christian life. The responsible watcher will be vigilant in all aspects of life during all of life. Evil appears in places and at times when least expected and with great deception. The vigilant watcher fortified and nourished in the Lord repels the lurking evil.

**Micah 7:4-The best of them is as a brier: the most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge: the day of thy watchmen and thy visitation cometh; now shall be their perplexity. (KJV).**

Priests attentively watching over their flocks lead them through troubled times. Parents alert to the ways of their sons and daughters prevent evil from thriving. Teachers are in positions to be observe when evil is at work in their students. Doctors and nurses see the negative impact of evil overcoming a person's life. Families suffer strife when parents are not vigilant in keeping evil out of the home. The Lord God's reassuring presence and love become visible to watchful believers.

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Venerable Ephraim the Syrian. Venerable Isaac the Syrian.

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