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## ***“What Happens When the Watchman Goes Blind? 'Let the Prophets Speak'”***

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Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that ye may see. Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I sent? who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as the Lord's servant? Seeing many things, but thou observest not; opening the ears, but he heareth not. The Lord is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make it honourable. But this is a people robbed and spoiled; they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, Restore. Who among you will give ear to this? who will hearken and hear for the time to come? Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not the Lord, he against whom we have sinned? for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law. Therefore he hath poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle: and it hath set him on fire round about, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid it not to heart.

**{Isaiah 42:18-25}**

All ye beasts of the field, come to devour, yea, all ye beasts in the forest. His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter. Come ye, say

they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to morrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant.

**{Isaiah 56:9-12}**

The word of the Lord also came unto me, saying, Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a rebellious house, which have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not: for they are a rebellious house.

**{Ezekiel 2:1-5}**

**SEE ALSO: Ezekiel 13th chapter; Ezekiel 14th chapter; Ezekiel 34:1-10**

Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the Lord. They say still unto them that despise me, The Lord hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you.....I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.....Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the Lord, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the Lord.

**{Jeremiah 23:16-17 & 21-22 & 32}**

### **What Causes Gods' Watchman To Go Spiritually Blind**

Many men and women who were anointed, appointed, and sent by God who had eyes to see, ears to hear, and a mouth to proclaim what God was revealing to His sons and daughters; in this last time have now become spiritually blind,

spiritually deaf, and spiritually dumb. How could this have happened? The Prophets of God tell us exactly how this has happened, if only we would look at their prophetic words with discernment, understanding, and a heart of repentance. For many who dismiss the Old Testament, and refuse to look at the parallels between their time and our present day time; remember this:

**{I Corinthians 10:11-12, read the entire chapter}**

\*\*\*Instead of restoring God's people to Him, they robbed and spoiled God's people making His house a prison house, instead of a House of Deliverance.

**{Isaiah 42:22}**

\*\*\*Stopped proclaiming God's deliverance power from sin and captivity, and putting little emphasis on obedience and walking in God's ways. {Isaiah 42:24}

\*\*\*Stopped sounding the trumpet of warning to God's people, and became unaware and unconcerned about the attacks that were coming against the people of God. **{Isaiah 56:10}**

\*\*\*Became obsessed with money, prosperity, worldly materials, and the things of this world; and grew appetites and lusts for things that can never be satisfied.

**{Isaiah 56:11}**

\*\*\*Lost understanding of the times and seasons that we are now in, due to looking more to what they could get, and how they could gain more and more from God's people. **{Isaiah 56:11}**

\*\*\*Became intoxicated with the pleasures of this life, more than being lovers of God, and became totally put to sleep with this present life instead of preparing God's people for eternity. **{Isaiah 56:12}**

\*\*\*Allowed a spirit of rebellion (perverseness, defiance, disobedient, to resist, to dispute, to offend) to rule their spirit, soul, and body. As a result of this demonic spirit their messages to God's people became polluted and perverted. **{Ezekiel 12:1-2}**

\*\*\*Allowed a spirit of pride to make them stubborn and hardhearted, refusing to repent and receive correction, and therefore refused to accept anything that exposed the lust of their eyes, the lust of their flesh, and the pride of life that they were walking in. **{Ezekiel 2:3-4}**

\*\*\*Allowed a spirit of control {Jezebel} to operate through them, and began to prophesy and release words of judgment against anyone who disagreed with them. **{Ezekiel 2:5-7}**

\*\*\*Stopped being intercessors for the people, and put little or no emphasis on prayer and standing in the gap for others. **{Ezekiel 13:4-5}**

\*\*\*Utilized divination and witchcraft over the people to influence and control them, in turn making God's people more dependent on them than God Himself. **{Ezekiel 13:6-9}**

\*\*\*Seduced God's people by proclaiming peace when there was no peace, and proclaimed prosperity and that the best life is now and the days ahead would be the best ever. **{Ezekiel 13:10}**

\*\*\*Refusing to reveal the idols and paganism in the midst of God's people, due to the fact that they were speaking and teaching messages that were out of the idols of their own hearts. Holding on to the spirit of error instead of the spirit of truth, many of God's people are now worshipping things, traditions, days, and paganism that unless they repent will set them up for the mark of the beast. **{Ezekiel 14:1-11}**

## **WHAT ARE THE DANGERS OF BEING INFLUENCED AND UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF BLIND WATCHMEN?**

A. Great hindrance to you fulfilling your calling and destiny, due to the fact that the priority emphasis that blind leaders impart to God's people is the carnal realm and fleshly desires. This type of leadership 'runs you into a ditch' if your eyes of discernment are not open. **{Matthew 15:12-14}**

B. You will find yourself consumed with desiring to be rich and wealthy at any cost, and you will gravitate to those who put great emphasis on material riches and earthly success. **{I Timothy 6:3-10}**

C. You will only want to hear messages and preaching that are pleasing to your flesh, and any word of correction, rebuke, or chastening is immediately rejected. **{II Timothy 4:1-4}**

D. You will have a light and flippant attitude about sin, due to the fact you have erroneously been led to believe that God doesn't really care how you live; because you are under grace, it doesn't really matter what your lifestyle looks like. **{I John 2:1-6}**

E. You will become a lover of your own self, putting your selfish desires, ambitions, personal dreams and goals above the Kingdom of God; and become more consumed with the cares of this life than the things of God. **{II Timothy 3:1-5}**

F. You will be drawn to false teachers, false prophets, and those who have no spiritual eyes, ears, or mouth to sound the trumpet of God. What is really in your heart will be manifested by whom you are drawn to. **{I Peter 2:1-3}**

G. You will have very little or even no real prayer life. Seeking God will not be your top priority, because you are not under grace not works. **{I Peter 4:1-7}**