

WATCHMEN

Byron spoke about **Ezekiel 33** last Wednesday night. This passage should cause us to think about our responsibility to warn others about their judgment if they do not repent and turn to God for His mercy.

This chapter also explains the purpose of the gospel. It is a warning of judgment, but it is also an invitation to repent and turn away from the wickedness that will bring judgment upon us and others.

If the warning is not sounded, the wicked man will still die because of his wickedness (**v.6**). The gospel is God's message and His power to save (**Romans 1:16**). Without the sacrifice of Christ, the gospel of Christ, and a person's response to it, he cannot be saved. Even some brethren are deceived into thinking that those who do not hear the gospel will get a second chance or be judged on by a different standard. This is not true!

But God does not want the wicked to die. If he will repent and turn away from his wickedness, he will live (**v.11**). This is why we are to warn everyone, including the righteous. If the righteous fall into sin, they will die, too. His previous righteous acts will not be taken into account in judgment.

Regardless of one's response to our message, we are not guilty if we warn them. And we should not measure success by the number of favorable responses only. However, we will be judged if we do not fulfill our responsibility and give the warning.

This is our warning.