

## 16 Characteristics of a Faithful Watchman

God's definition of a Watchman is demonstrated throughout the Old and New Testaments. A Watchman is a keeper. A Watchman is trusted. Watchmen see. Watchmen guard. Watchmen warn.

- 1) God is a faithful Watchman Who *keeps* [שָׁמַר] His covenant and fulfills His promises. (Deuteronomy 7:9) See the article entitled "I Am A Watchman.pdf" in the Section 08 – Additional Articles folder.
- 2) The Watchwoman *keeps* [שָׁמַר] her word as God keeps His. She speaks the Word of God when she calls out a warning. (Daniel 9:4) See the article entitled "I Am A Watchwoman.pdf" in the Section 08 – Additional Articles folder.
- 3) Watchmen are *trusted keepers* [שָׁמַר] of the sheep. God trusts His flock to a Watchman until He returns. (1 Samuel 17:20)
- 4) A Watchman is a *bodyguard* [שָׁמַר] who personally protects those in battle. Note that the Deut. 7:9 reference to God uses the same Hebrew word! (1 Samuel 28:2)
- 5) Watchmen don't fight alone. Israel was *keeping watch* [שָׁמַר] over its allies. Watchmen fight together. (2 Kings 9:14)
- 6) The Watchman is the *trusted keeper* [שָׁמַר] of those most important to the King. Watchmen see people as God sees them. (Esther 2:3)
- 7) A Watchwoman is a *keeper* [שָׁמַר] overseer, and producer of the King's resources. Building God's Kingdom depends on her diligence. (Neh. 2:8)
- 8) A Watchman rebuilds broken homes. Shecaniah, *keeper* [שָׁמַר] of the East Gate, repaired the wall in front of his home. (Neh. 3:29)
- 9) The Watchman *depends* [שָׁמַר] on God's protection. Hurt people, hurt people. Healed people, heal people. Watchmen are healers. (Psalm 127:1)
- 10) A Watchwoman *protects* [שָׁמַר] strangers. Watchwomen have God's heart for widows, orphans, single parents, and refugees. (Psalm 146:9)
- 11) The Watchman *heeds* [שָׁמַר] instruction. Watchmen understand the order and hierarchy of leadership and submit to authority. (Proverbs 10:17)
- 12) A Watchwoman is *one who keeps* [שָׁמַר] a clear vision of the time she lives in. She sees ahead and prepares herself and others. (Proverbs 19:8)

- 13) Watchmen *guard themselves* [שומר] from temptation. Their lives are clear demonstrations that God has power over the enemy. (Proverbs 22:5)
- 14) A Watchwoman *sees* [שמרה] through the darkness. Hidden things are visible to her trained eyes because of her earnest prayers. (Isaiah 21:11)
- 15) A Watchman is a *doorkeeper* [שומר] opening the way for people to enter God's presence. Watchmen lead people to God. (Jer. 35:4)
- 16) A Watchwoman *understands* [שמרה] the power of [worship](#). She lives in God's presence, openly, unashamedly, and often. (Isaiah 56:6)

Watchmen and Watchwomen are responsible for much, see everything, but are seldom seen. They recognize the enormous task set before them, but few of those they watch will understand the Watchman's sacrifice. The enemy will attack, but God promises victory. The work will garner little praise, but those obedient to the call of God will one day stand before God on the day of judgment and hear Him say, "Well done My good and faithful servant."

**God will reward those who finish well!**