



# WATCHMAN'S TRUMPET



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## FROM THE MISSION DIRECTOR

Hello,

*It gives me great personal pleasure with a heart of gratitude to God to introduce this maiden edition of "Watchman's Trumpet". Indeed "Unless the LORD builds the house, its builder's labor in is vain ...."Psalm 127:1*

*What started as a dream 11years ago is gradually unfolding into a Mission with a purpose. Watchman Outreach Mission was born out of the need for watchfulness as commanded by the Lord as the church and the world awaits the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. We serve to wake up the church and men everywhere to remain alert and watch for the Lord's return.*

*We have been actively networking with churches and Christian groups to implement our mandate since inception but it pleases God to make 2020 an outing year for us as he led us to open up participation space so that those He has called and chosen can come and partake in this rewardable labour and service of love.*

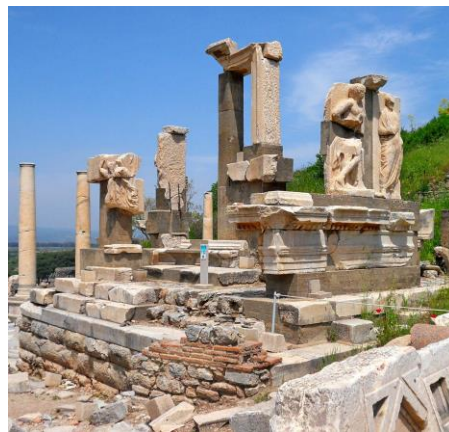
*"Known unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world". Acts 15:18 I believe it is not by accident that you are reading this magazine right now. In case you share our concern on the state of the church and decadence in the world of our time; and you felt God's leading to participate in Watchman's duty. Please get in touch with me.*

*The harvest indeed is plenteous; the labourers are few but we labour in faith; we shall not labour in vain. We trust that the Lord of harvest will sent labourers into His harvest. This maiden edition is to advertise what we do while we at the same time implement our mandate of reminding every reader that we all have appointment with God. We should prepare. Amos 4:12*

## A CITY WITH FOUNDATION

### Hebrews 11:9, 10

Our text and its context revealed how Abraham lived in tents on a land promised by God to be his inheritance. His family members were contented to live there with him. They probably did that as a physical evidence and testimony of their call and separation as well as hope and expectation. The writer of Hebrews stated that Abraham made this choice because he looked forward to living in a city with foundations built by God.



In Abraham's days, there are many well-built and inhabited cities both in Ur of Chaldeans and Canaan. Examples include Elam, Egypt, Shechem, Luz, Haran, Damascus, Salem, Sodom and Gomorrah.

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Abraham and his family decided not to live in any of them. As far as Abraham was concerned these cities built by men has no foundation. They may have well set material foundation, but being mostly pagan cities, Abraham was sure that their collapse is a matter of time because of their foundations' deficiency in righteousness, love and sound morality.

Righteousness exalt a nation but sin is a reproach (blemish) to any people. **Proverbs 14:34.** A well set city or nation with finest structural engineering and building construction work if deficient in godliness and morals can never stand the test of time. On the day they come to ruin, those who chose to live inside them will be ruined with them.

Hence the wise choice of Abraham's household to live lives of separation from the abominations of the nations and continue to dwell in tents till God will give them a city He built for them; a city with foundations.

## 1. The necessity and importance of city foundation

*“But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.”* **Luke 6:49.**

In engineering, a foundation is the element of a structure that connects it to the ground. The main purpose of foundation is to provide structural stability.

Some structure requires more than one layer of foundation to sustain the structure built on it. The scripture stated that building without foundation is foolishness. The structure built on the sand without foundation cannot withstand storms.

What is true in the physical is also true in spiritual matters. A strong foundation of victory over sin, abiding faith in Christ is required to withstand the storms of life and escape the judgment of God and the horrors in hell.

## 2. The deficiency and limitation of human built material foundation

*“By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the Promised Land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.”* **Hebrews 8-10**

Nothing physical or material built by men on earth is designed to last forever.

Actually the ruin of many well designed and well-constructed cities are accelerated by greed, selfishness and internal strife. Many of the ancient cities which Abraham avoided became ruined over time by the same wicked and idolatrous hands that built them. *“So we (should) fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal”* **2 Corinthians 4:8.**

## 3. The durability and permanence of divinely built city with foundation

*“What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people. Therefore, Come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you. And, I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.” Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God”* **2 Corinthians 6:6-18,7:1**



Abraham and his household, by choosing to live lives of separation from idolatry and heathenism look for a city built by God. The wisdom in Abraham’s choice was confirmed by the fact that most of the cities which Abraham avoided came to ruin and decay. They were swept away by convulsions from within or without. Lot was not so wise.

He lost most of his valuables in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah. He lost his wife and children too. No one could say with assurance where Lot is right now; in heaven or in hell.

Abraham after his call became convinced that abiding orderliness will never be brought about by human endeavour. He could see by faith that God will ultimately introduce a city and polity that will be based on righteousness and love.

He was contented to wait for it. Abraham desired a better country. The desire underpinned his choice, decision and commitment to a separated life throughout his pilgrimage on earth. He eventually got one from God whose promises never fails.

The same Gospel that Angels preached to Lot on the eve of the destruction of Sodom is being preached by God’s Spirit to men today (**Genesis 19:15**). Present day children of Abraham require the wisdom, faith and faithfulness of Abraham to escape the doom prophesied about the present cities and nations in the world **2 Peter 3:7, 10-13.**

We need to separate ourselves from every sinful and wicked practices common in our days, cleave to God and to Christ to be qualified to possess an inheritance in the permanent, durable, eternal and heavenly city which God built and which Abraham inherit.





## ABOUT WATCHMAN OUTREACH MISSION

Watchman Outreach Mission as envisioned fundamentally comprises of men and women of faith who watch over one another and together watch for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Next to this primary assignment is an equally important responsibility of bringing others into the same state of watchfulness and readiness as the coming of the Lord draws near. Ours is a trans-ministerial, trans-denominational mission. Our core values include expository teaching, prayer and counselling. We train in principles and practice of Christian discipleship and equip for effective Kingdom Service.

The Lord Jesus Christ in one of His parable said “*While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept*” **Mathew 25:5**. Watchman Outreach Mission is a response of faith to this and similar warnings about events in the last days. Our response is based on the premise that prophecies, vision and revelations about the future such as the one documented in the Lord’s parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins are sign-posts by which men are warned to keep vigil to avoid disastrous end. We serve to wake up the church and men everywhere to remain alert and watch for the Lord’s return.

The Mission, based in Ibadan, Nigeria, was launched in 2009 and its maiden outing took place on the 20th November of the same year. On that day, we partnered with All Nations Evangelical Ministry (ANEM), Akobo, Ibadan for Evangelistic and Medical Mission Outreach to Idi - Ose Village on Arulogun - Olorunda Road in Lagelu Local Government, Ibadan.

In the years that followed we networked with churches and other Christian groups too to implement our mandate which include conducting gospel outreaches, discipleship training for new converts, organizing and facilitating workers and ministerial training, conducting administrative reviews in churches and ministries, writing of proposals for reforms and church growth strategies that can enhance social cohesion, improves church finances and foster overall development, unity and growth of such ministries; monitoring and/or supervision of the implementation of such reforms and strategies.

Some of these Christian groups and ministries include with Christ Apostolic Church, Oke - Ife in Ajangboju, Ibadan, Nigerian Military Christian Fellowship, Adekunle Fajuyi Cantonment Chapter in Oyo - State Nigeria, Christ Gospel Mission International, Light of Jesus Evangelistic Ministry with branches in different cities in South Western Nigeria, and Ark of Salvation Church of Christ (ASCC) with headquarters at Molade, Monatan Ibadan.

Till date, although partnered ministries change from time to time depending on the leading we receive from the Lord, we remain committed to our main purpose and vision; that of service to the church and in the world to wake up men everywhere and encourage them to remain alert and watch for the Lord’s return. Through our activities, souls had been saved, believers edified and church workers’ spiritual growth and development enhanced, all to the glory of God.

## INTRODUCING WATCHMAN PRAYER HOUR



Fundamentally, Watchmen’s divinely assigned responsibility is to pray and preach. To us in watchman Outreach Mission, prayers and intercessions are of utmost importance and are required for success in all we do. Since July 2019, the Lord led us to set up a Watchpost. Initially it was held in Mission Director’s house, later under a tree inside University of Ibadan Campus and presently in our Mission Office. We through it regularly seek God’s face for His power and presence upon our lives and in our activities. We pray for our partners and sponsors too as well as those who sent in prayer requests. Come and join us.

*“..... men ought always to pray, and not to faint;”* **Luke 18:1** *“I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence, And give Him no rest till He establishes And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth”* **Isaiah 62:6,7**

**Watchman Prayer Hour** holds every Saturday from 10.30am - 12.00MD. We invite you to join us at our office in 78/80 Nepa (IBEDC) Building, Opposite U.I. Second Gate, Ibadan . Oyo - State. You can also follow us live on any of our Social media platforms during the prayer session and send inquiries or prayer requests to any of our digital addresses.



## CLARION CALL



### WATCHMEN OVER A DYING GENERATION

*“Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die”.* **Ezekiel 18:4**

*“Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand”.* **Ezekiel 3:17-18**

Believers, Christian workers and Gospel ministers are watchmen over the souls of men in the generation in which they live. Our own salvation is ultimately linked to our faithfulness now as watchmen. Believers who regularly evangelize are not just making heaven to rejoice, they are saving their own neck from blood guilt.

*“Get you up from among this congregation, that I may consume them as in a moment. And they fell upon their faces. And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a censer,*

*and put fire therein from off the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly unto the congregation, and make an atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from the Lord; the plague is begun. And Aaron took as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people: and he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people. And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed”* **Numbers 16:45-48**

In the above reference, if Moses and Aaron had delayed making atonement, the whole nation of Israel would have perished in the wilderness. **153,000 people die daily**, most of them without hearing of salvation that God gives through Jesus Christ or deciding for Him. Multiplying iniquities, failed political system, corruption, natural and man-made disasters, epidemics and pandemics are taking their toll on survival rate and life expectancy, sending millions to Christ-less eternity. *“..... For there is wrath gone out from the Lord; the plague has begun .....*” **Numbers 16:46b**. We cannot rest on our oars, we cannot down tools now, we cannot fold our hands, feel unconcerned and bemoan our own problems while multitude die daily without Christ.

If we say we have problems, so does Moses and Aaron in the wilderness but they still mediated on behalf of the people to deliver them from God’s judgment and destruction. God is angry with the wicked every day **Psalms 7:11**. The wrath of God abides on every sinner; whether in the church or in the world, whether on the pulpit or in the pew **John 3:36**. The unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God **1 Corinthians 6:9-10**. About **107 deaths occur per minute in the world**, approximately **2 persons per second**; right now, someone is heading for eternity unprepared. We must rise up and do the something to save souls today. After all, God promise to water those who water

Others. God will “water” you. As you labour to save others, you will not lose your own soul. God will watch over you, protect you and meet your needs in Jesus Name!

### 1. End-time challenges facing Spiritual Watchmen

*“And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day. For they are impudent children and stiff hearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God. And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them”.* **Ezekiel 2:3-5**

*“And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure”* **2 Corinthians 12:7**

The picture of the world today is that of a ripened harvest in a raging storm with the harvesters daring the storm to save as many as possible before they are lost or before they perish. The storm rages against the harvesters as well as the harvest. **1 Peter 5:9**. Some of the Harvesters are getting tired, others are dissatisfied with their conditions of service and are grumbling; some are complaining and murmuring, while some sat idle feeling unconcerned about the ripened field, they are less concerned whether they perish or not. Worst still, some are feeding on the grains, concerned only with how to feed themselves or fill their pockets with grains: they are actually defrauding and short changing their employer.

Some turn their back on the field and are leaving while some, though a few continues to dare the storm working their fingers to the bone to save as many as they can. At the end of the day who knows how many would have been saved and how many would have been lost.



The harvest is truly plenteous but genuine, sincere labourers are few. *At the end of the day, who would have been lost and who would have been saved? Would you who listen to this message be saved or lost?* As a Gospel worker or minister, how many within your realm of influence or in your congregation would you have helped to save or how many, by your carelessness, misleading examples, indifference and disobedience would have been lost? **Jeremiah 8:20.** Their blood, God will require from you **Ezekiel 3:18.**

## 2. Endurance and Faithfulness of End-time Watchmen

*“Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?”* **Mathew 24:45.** *Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.”* **2 Timothy 2:3**

If there is anything that will guarantee the success and reward of end-time watchmen; that will help them survive end-time rage of the enemy and not quit, it is faithfulness and endurance.

The Lord commanded and expects His servants to be faithful and to endure.

### *What are we to endure?*

(i) Hardness 2 Timothy 2:3, (ii.) Temptation James 1:12, (iii.) Sound doctrine, 2 Timothy 4:3, (iv.) Afflictions 2 Timothy 4:5, (v.) Persecution 2 Thessalonians 1:4, (vi.) Tribulation 2 Thessalonians 1:4, (vii.) The cross Hebrews 12:2, (viii.) Grief 1 Peter 2:19, (ix.) Chastening Hebrews 12:7, (x.) All things 2 Timothy 2:10

### *We are to be faithful in:*

(i.) Service Mathew 24:47-49, (ii.) Preaching 2 Timothy 4:1-2, (iii.) In the use of our gifts and talents Mathew 25:21, 23, (iv.) Resource management Luke 16:1, 2, (v.) Obedience to God Numbers 12:7 (vi) Teaching sound doctrines 2 Timothy 2:2(vii) In all things 1 Timothy 3:11

## 3. Extra-ordinary Sustenance of Faithful, Fruitful Servants

*“For, behold, I have made thee this day a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brasen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land. And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the Lord, to deliver thee.”* **Jeremiah 1 :18-19**

*“Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee. And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.”* **Mark 10:28-30**



The Lord of Harvest promised to sustain His fruitful labourers and servants. However difficult things are or become in the world, we can lean on the Everlasting Arms and trust Him who has promised not to leave us or forsake us. In fact He promised to abide with us till the end, confirming His words that we preach with signs. With this assurance from the Lord who called us, let us labour on.

*Go, Labour on, spend and be spent,  
Thy joy to do the Father's will  
It is the way the Master went  
Should not servant tread it still?*

*Go labour on, 'tis not for nought,  
Thy earthly loss is heav'nly gain,  
Men heed thee, love thee, praise thee not,  
The Master praises, what are men?*

*Toil on, and in thy toil rejoice,  
For toil comes rest, for exile home;  
Soon shall thou hear the Bride groom's voice,  
The midnight peal, "Behold, I come!"*

- **Horatus Bonar 1808 - 1889**



## A TOUR OF OUR NEW OFFICE



ENTRANCE INTO THE MISSION OFFICE.



MISSION OFFICE SECRETARY'S DESK



LECTURE AND TRAINING ARENA



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## WATCHMAN'S PARTNERS OF THE MONTH



**Pastor/Prophet J.A Fashoranti** is the General Overseer of **Light of Jesus Evangelical Ministry (LOJEM)**. He was an *Electrical Engineer* before accepting the call to become a shepherd over God's people. He is based in *Osogbo* the capital of *Osun State* from where he oversees *LOJEM's* Branches (more than 20) spread across various towns in *South- Western Nigeria*. *Watchman Outreach Mission's* partnership with *LOJEM* started in *January 2011*. The *Mission Director* is still currently a member of the *Ministry's Board of Trustees*. *Networking with Pastor Fashoranti* was a great experience and privilege. He is an ardent, diligent and rugged labourer for Christ, a visionary leader and versatile Church planter. He won *Watchman Outreach Mission's* 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Award for Church planting. He shared His calling with *Lady Evangelist Bisi Fashoranti* who is a song writer, singer, leader and minister with distinction. We fondly call her "*Mummy G.O*" Their union is blessed with wonderful children who also are enthusiastic contributors to their parents' flourishing and fruitful calling and service to the Lord.

### Quote of the Month

*"Those who labour in faith shall not labour in vain"*



LECTURE AND TRAINING ARENA (front view)



MISSION DIRECTOR/ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK



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