

BLOODY HANDS?

Ezekiel 3:16-21

Are we dealing with “bloody hands” issues?

I. EZEKIEL’S SITUATION

A. THE ASSIGNMENT: WARN! (17)

1. Consider the appointment: Assigned by God
2. Consider the position: A watchman
3. Consider the condition: Listen
4. Consider the command: Warn!
5. Consider the source: God

B. THE AUDIENCE: SINNERS (18-21)

1. Unbelievers (18-19)
2. “Un-behavers” (20-21)

C. THE ISSUE: FAITHFULNESS

1. Did you carry out your assignment?
2. You either give them the warning or you don’t
3. Jonah struggled here! (see Jonah 4:1-3)

D. THE REALITY: ACCOUNTABILITY

1. If you fail ... The watchmen’s regrets
 - Their blood is on your hands - Read Genesis 9:5-6
2. If you succeed ... The watchmen’s reward
 - a. Released from his obligation – he did his part
 - b. He is delivered from sin and guilt in this situation

II. OUR RESPONSIBILITY

- Not unlike Ezekiel’s

A. BE A WITNESS

1. Witness feet are beautiful - Isaiah 52:7-8 (Rom. 10:13-15)
2. Witnesses are commissioned by God - Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 1:8
3. We are ambassadors for Christ - II Corinthians 5:20

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B. BE AVAILABLE

1. Stand in the gap! - Ezekiel 22:30
2. Available for the unbeliever - Acts 17:16-18
3. Available for the “un-behaver” - Galatians 6:1-2

C. BE SENSITIVE - Psalm 142:4

D. BE CONCERNED - Isaiah 56:10

CONCLUSION:

Let us review Ezekiel 33:1-7 and reconsider our ways.