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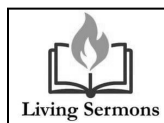
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Foreword

In every generation, God raises voices—not merely to speak, but to watch. The prophetic mantle has never been a decorative office in the Kingdom; it is a divine responsibility, a sacred burden to discern, warn, preserve, and align territories with the counsel of God. But what happens when those appointed to watch fall asleep?

When Prophets Sleep by Evangelist Ikechukwu Peter confronts this question with striking urgency.

This book is not a comfortable read, nor was it meant to be. It is a trumpet blast to the Church, a prophetic alarm to a generation standing at the edge of compromise, deception, and spiritual negligence. Through piercing revelations, scriptural exposition, and fiery exhortation, the author unveils one of the greatest dangers of our time: the silence, compromise, or slumber of those ordained to stand as custodians over families, churches, cities, and nations.

At its core, this message reminds us that when prophetic voices lose their vigilance, darkness finds access. When custodians compromise, territories suffer. When truth is traded for comfort, nations bleed.

Yet this is not merely a message of warning—it is a call to awakening.

Within these pages, you will encounter a divine summons to return to spiritual sharpness, discernment, and responsibility. You will be challenged to examine not only the prophetic institution but your own place in God's agenda. For the burden of watchfulness is not reserved for a few; every believer is called to be awake, alert, and aligned.

When Prophets Sleep carries the weight of revival, reformation, and restoration. It speaks to leaders, intercessors, ministers, and believers who desire to stand as faithful witnesses in an age of increasing spiritual confusion.

As Chief Editor, it is my prayer that this work will not merely inform you, but awaken you. May it stir in you a fresh hunger for truth, a deeper consecration, and a stronger commitment to the purposes of God in your generation.

The watchmen must not sleep.

— Wisdom Epsi
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Main Message

Begins Here



The Prophetic Assignment of Man

Genesis 2:15

"And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it."

God will practically take somebody.

This is a prophetic night, and "Amen" means *so be it*. I do not want a casual amen. Let your amen come with pressure, because certain things will be dismantled today.

And the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

First of all, I want us to look at the word *man*. That is my matter, because there are two contexts in the Bible in which this word can be defined.

Of course, it can be defined as a word that describes the male gender. But that is just the secondary context of its biblical application.

The major definition of the word *man* is not merely a nomenclature for gender, whether male or female. Rather, it is the description of a prophetic office.

The word *man* is a prophetic mandate.

Jesus spoke in **Luke 18** concerning a woman who persistently went to a judge, seeking justice. He was teaching on prayer. Even though it was a woman He used in the parable, He ended by saying:

"Men ought always to pray, and not to faint." — **Luke 18:1**

So there is a context where a woman can be called a man. And it is also possible to be a male, yet not be a man. God used the same context in **Ezekiel 22:30**:

"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land..."

He was looking for a prophetic intercessor.

The Assignment to Dress and Keep

From the first mention in Scripture, you will discover that the assignment given to man was prophetic.

God gave Adam two major assignments:

1. To dress
2. To keep

That word *keep* is prophetic.

The prophet is a keeper.

Isaiah 62:6

"I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night..."

Ezekiel 33:7

"So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel..."

These are prophetic commissionings. The original meaning of the word *keep* is **to watch**.

So God told Adam:

Whatever you are dressing that you are not ready to watch over will be a waste of investment.

Anything you are building, nurturing, cultivating, or preserving—if you are not willing to watch over it—will eventually be wasted.

God Watches With Prophets

Hosea 9:8

"The watchman of Ephraim was with my God..."

God does not watch alone.

God watches with prophets.

Any territory whose prophet is asleep is a territory where divine activity is hindered.

Not because God is powerless.

But because God works with prophetic watchmen.

The prophet along with God is a watchman.

That means the prophet watches alongside God.

That was the assignment given to Adam:

Dress and watch.

Dress and keep.

The primary assignment of man was prophetic.

When the Watchman Sleeps

By **Genesis 3:1**, we see the introduction of the serpent. The Bible describes it as:

"Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field..."

Notice that. Its jurisdiction was the field. But somehow, by chapter 3, it had found expression in the garden.

Why?

Because the watchman in the garden slept. When prophets over nations sleep, serpents are smuggled in.

- That is how corruption enters.
- That is how darkness enters.
- That is how anomalies become normal.

And many times, the one who should speak is silent. The one who should confront evil has slept. The one who should bark has become mute.

Are You a Man or Merely a Male?

Could it be that because you slept, the serpent has ravaged your family?

Could it be that because you slept, things entered your territory that should never have entered?

Are you a man—or merely a male?

We have many males and few men.

"Men ought always to pray, and not to faint." — **Luke 18:1**

That word *faint* there speaks of losing spiritual vigilance.

The prophet along with God is a watchman.

He watches what he is dressing.

Because if he does not watch, the animal of the field will become the animal of the garden.

The Tower Must Not Be Empty

Isaiah 5:1–2

God planted a vineyard.

He fenced it.

He removed the stones.

He planted it with the choicest vine.

And He built a tower in the midst of it.

Why?

Because every investment requires a watchtower.

Anything planted without a watchtower will produce wild grapes.

The tragedy was not that there was no tower.

The tragedy was that there was no watcher in the tower.

And so the enemy came.

And what should have produced grapes brought forth wild grapes.

That is the state of many territories.

That is the state of many families.

That is the state of many nations.

The tower exists.

But the watchmen are asleep.

While Men Slept

Jesus gave a parable in **Matthew 13**.

A man planted wheat.

But the Bible says:

"But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat..." —

Matthew 13:25

Notice again:

while men slept.

Not while males slept.

While prophetic watchmen slept.

That means what happened there was not supposed to happen.

It happened because those assigned to watch were asleep.

And the enemy planted something so dangerous that he did not need to come back and check on it.

He planted and left.

That means it was fully equipped for destruction.

A Generation of Planted Prophets

One of the things God will do in this gathering is equip men so strongly that He can plant them in territories and leave.

Because when a prophet is planted in a territory, God is already there.

Elijah was planted in Israel.

And by his word, heaven was shut for three and a half years.

No supervision.

No follow-up.

A man planted by God.

From tonight, I see men and women carrying fierce anointing.

I see prophets rising.

Prophets that can be planted in dark territories.

Prophets that carry light into darkness.

"The people which sat in darkness saw great light..." — **Matthew 4:16**

Darkness was everywhere, but light was smuggled in.

And darkness disappeared.

Will you be that one man?

Will you be that one person?

Our story must change.

It cannot remain the same.

We are the wheat ready to be planted among tares.

It should not always be tares planted among wheat.

Prophets are rising.

Prophets are rising from the nations.

Prophets are rising from Uganda.

Prophets are rising from Zambia.

Prophets are rising from South Africa.

Prophets are rising from Namibia.

Prophets are rising from the United Kingdom.

And Satan will suffer a huge blow.

The Weight of Prophetic Intercession

God just gave a woman here the blade of a prophetic intercessor. Help her. Tonight is heavy. There are dimensions of the Spirit breaking forth tonight. There are stirrings in the atmosphere. Fire is moving. Fire is falling.

Something is escalating. Something is bursting forth. There are prophetic mantles dropping. There are intercessors being awakened. There are watchmen being commissioned.

The Enemy That Plants and Walks Away

Hold on. I am worried. I am deeply troubled by one thing: that an enemy can plant tares and walk away.

Think about that. The enemy planted tares and was not concerned about the territory again. He said, *What I have planted is enough. I do not need to visit there again.* What kind of training did that tare receive? What kind of impartation was upon it?

And nobody noticed anything until both had grown together. It was only when the fruits began to appear that the difference became obvious.

That means shining is not proof.

Fruit is proof.

I pity you if your basis for judgment is outward appearance. Because in some cases, tares can shine brighter than wheat. But when fruit begins to manifest, truth becomes visible.

"Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." — **Matthew 7:20**

If we must distinguish evil from good, we must judge by fruit, not by shining.

Growth Is Not Endorsement

When the servants noticed the tares, they said:

"Permit us to uproot them."

But the master said:

"Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest..." — **Matthew 13:29–30**

That means tares are allowed to grow.

Growth is not proof of divine endorsement.

People can grow and still not be of God.

Falsehood can grow.

Error can multiply.

Synagogues of Satan can expand.

Sometimes even faster than places where God is truly moving.

So if your basis for judgment is growth, you can be deceived. And if your basis is longevity, you can still be deceived. Because the master said:

"Let both grow together until the harvest."

That means some false systems will remain until the end of the age. Discernment is the least qualification for surviving the end times. If you do not have discernment, you can walk into darkness and celebrate it.

Can God Plant You?

My burden tonight is this:

Can God plant you?

Can God place you in a territory and walk away, saying:

We have done enough investment there. He will not fail us.

Can God plant you in your family?

Can God plant you in your city?

Can God plant you in your generation?

Can God say:

As long as this one is there, there is still hope. As long as he is there, falsehood will not dominate. As long as he is there, there will still be seven thousand who have not bowed.

Will you be that one person?

God is looking for candidates. He wants to shoot bullets into territories. He wants to release fiery witnesses into nations. He wants men and women who can represent Him in dark places. Is there a candidate? Is there someone God can trust?

The Commissioning of Prophetic Intercessors

There are commissionings happening. God is commissioning prophets among the nations. God is raising prophetic intercessors.

Arrows.

Fire bearers.

Watchmen.

Lions.

There is fire everywhere.

There is an awakening.

There is a summoning.

Wake up.

Wake up.

Wake up.

I hear His voice calling men into deeper experiences. There are some of you that will remain under this anointing for weeks. Because there is a nation over your life. There is a territory tied to your calling. There are destinies connected to your obedience.

You cannot afford to fail.

That is why you came here.

This is not coincidence.

This is divine arrangement.

What Falsehood Can Do

Let this settle in your spirit:

Something can grow and yet not be of God. Something can last and still be false. This is why discernment is critical. Because there are ministries, systems, and altars that will remain active until Jesus returns. The Bible says the reapers are angels, and they come at the end.

Not before.

- So stop using time as proof.
- Stop using numbers as proof.
- Stop using popularity as proof.
- Judge by fruit.
- Judge by doctrine.
- Judge by spirit.

The Prophetic Custodian

Acts 20:28–29

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers..."

Paul said:

"For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you..."

That statement is heavy.

Paul was saying:

As long as I am here, they cannot enter. As long as I am standing, wolves cannot invade. As long as I am present, darkness cannot prevail. That is the consciousness of a prophetic custodian.

Can you say that about your family?

Can you say that about your territory?

Can you say:

As long as I am here, this darkness cannot enter. Because you are not just a believer.

You are a custodian. A keeper. A watcher. A man.

And when men sleep, serpents enter. But when men rise, territories are preserved.

The Rise of a Prophetic Custodian

There is a place in my school back then—Tundun Wada Bridge in FUT Minna—where cult boys used to gather.

I can call witnesses today.

There was a revival that broke out in those days. We did not have disciplers. We were just rugged. In those days, if you dressed without carrying your Bible, your dressing was incomplete. That was the level of fire. I could drive my pastor to Kaduna to preach, return, and still write my courses. I remember one time I came one hour late for an exam and still got a pass.

We were not counting the cost. This generation is too polished and too comfortable. Satan is laughing at many believers because we have become too sophisticated for warfare. All the grammar has not helped you. It is time to return to Adullam. It is time to return to the cave. It is time to let God chisel away the excesses.

Territorial Takeover

One day, I stood on that bridge. The Holy Ghost bears me witness. I was angry because cult boys were meeting there. And I knew I was a voice God was raising in FUT Minna.

So I declared:

From today, if God has called me, no cult boy will gather here again.

That place was converted into a prayer ground. That bridge became a place where FCS gathered for prayers. This is not Bible history. This is living experience. This is not only in the days of the apostles.

It is in our days.

May there be stories told in your generation. May your days produce testimonies. May your days produce territorial takeovers.

Listen to me.

God wants to carry you and plant you. He wants to take you into territories. He wants to establish you in places where darkness has prevailed.

Genesis says:

"And the Lord God took the man..."

He took him.

And He planted him.

Some of you may not want to go.

But whether by the sheep or by the fish—you will get there.

Jonah did not want to go.

But the fish carried him.

And the danger of the fish is that it can vomit you in two ways.

Through the mouth—or through the back.

And if it is through the back, digestion has happened.

So I would rather go by the sheep than by the fish.

The place you are running from is often the place God is sending you.

And you will get there.

Prophetic Compromise Opens the Gate

Whenever there are prophetic compromises, the enemy gains access.

That is why I say:

May it not be in your time.

May your watch not be the season where darkness prevails.

Let me conclude with **Ezekiel 22:24**.

This Scripture shows us the state of a nation.

"Son of man, say unto her, Thou art the land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation."

This is the picture of a broken territory.

- A land under judgment.
- A land without cleansing.
- A land without rain.

And the question is: Why? The answer is in the next verse:

"There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof..." — Ezekiel 22:25

That is the reason. Because the prophetic company became compromised. The custodians betrayed their assignment. And when custodians conspire against God, territories are thrown into darkness.

When Prophets Fail, Nations Fail

When prophets fail, nations fail. When prophetic voices are bought, politicians become untouchable. When truth is silenced, blood fills the land. That is why the Scripture says:

"Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey..." — Ezekiel 22:27

The politicians became wolves. But why?

Because the prophets who should rebuke them were collecting from them. And so bloodshed increased. Dishonest gain multiplied. Wickedness prevailed. This is the condition of many African nations today. But I hear a word from the Lord:

He will overturn it.

Overturn.

Overturn.

Overturn again. And if I be a prophet of God, shifts will begin in nations.

Massive shifts.

Confusion in evil systems.

Collapse of wicked arrangements.

God has decided to arise.

A New Season for Nigeria and Africa

Nigeria is rising again.

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The days of reproach are over. The days of bloodshed are ending. The days of mourning are ending. The Benue Valley will not keep weeping. Plateau will not keep burying her young. Zamfara will see light. Borno will see light.

A word has gone forth. And it shall lighten Nigeria. And from Nigeria, it shall spread into Africa. It is a new season for Africa.

Africa, arise.

Africa, arise.

Africa, arise.

The prophetic company is rising again. The watchmen are waking again. The custodians are returning to their posts. And nations will feel the impact.

The Lord is releasing staffs of authority. The Lord is releasing mantles over nations. The Lord is releasing governmental shifts. And the overturning begins now. From this altar. From this gathering. From this conference. This is the beginning of a new dawn.

A new Nigeria.

A new Africa. A new generation of watchmen. And this time—when prophets rise, serpents will no longer have free access.



About the Speaker

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