

In the Service of the King of Kings: The Gravitas of the Calling Ezekiel 3:12–27

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Introduction

A. The Transportation of Ezekiel to the Field of Service (vv. 12–15)

“Blessed be the glory of YHWH from his place.” *brk kbd yhwh mmqm*

As the glory of the LORD rose from its place.” *brm kbd yhwh mmqm*

k ך שׁ	כבוד יהוה ממקומו	ברך	יְהוָה	מִמְקוֹמוֹ	בְּרַכְתִּי	יְהוָה	מִמְקוֹמוֹ
k ם שׁ	ברם כבוד יהוה ממקומו	ברם	יְהוָה	מִמְקוֹמוֹ	בְּרַכְתִּי	יְהוָה	מִמְקוֹמוֹ

B. YHWH’s Ordination Speech for the Prophet (vv. 16–21)

1. The Role of Watchmen

- a. Watchmen are needed especially in moments of crisis.
- b. Watchmen’s tasks are simple—sound the alarm when it looks like the enemy is about to pounce.
- c. Watchmen have no real authority.

2. The Four Watchman Scenarios

Four Scenarios	The Watchman’s Response	The People’s Fate	The Watchman’s Fate
I (v. 18)	–	–	–
II (v. 19)	+	–	+
III (v. 20)	–	–	–
IV (v. 21)	+	+	+

C. Ezekiel's Initiation to the Prophetic/Priestly Office (vv. 22–27)

- a. The Prophet's Action
- b. The People's Action
- c. The LORD's Action

D. Application

1. Those who repudiate the covenant stand under the judgment of God.
2. The wages of sin is death.
3. With the privilege of wearing the prophet's mantle comes an awesome responsibility for the life and death of the people in one's charge.
4. The messenger of God is not called to success, but to faithfulness.
5. The Lord is present with his messenger.
6. The ways of the Lord are often strange and inscrutable.
7. Sometimes the heart of God's messengers may not interfere with their mouths.
8. Those who are called by God may be called to bear in their own bodies the marks of his calling.