

Isaiah 62:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'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.' These watchmen are intercessors - praying continuously for Jerusalem's welfare. The Hebrew 'mazkir' (those who remind) suggests they remind God of His promises. Constant prayer characterizes their ministry.

Historical Context

Prayer watchmen mirror the tireless advocacy of verse 1. This became a pattern for intercessory prayer communities throughout church history.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. What would tireless intercession look like in your prayer life?
2. How do you 'remind' God of His promises in prayer?

Interlinear Text

וְכֹל	בַּיּ	וּמְ	כָּל	שְׁמַר	יְמִ	הַפְּקָדָה	דָּתִי	עַל
H5921	upon thy walls	O Jerusalem	H3389	I have set	watchmen	H3605	day	H3605
H2346			H6485		H8104		H3117	
בְּלִילָה	לְאַ	תִּמְדֵּ	לְאַ	יְחִישׁ	וְ	הַמִּזְכָּרִים	אֲתָּה	
nor night	which shall never	H3808	hold their peace	ye that make mention	H2142		H853	
H3915	H8548		H2814					
אַל	יְהִי	הַ	לְכָמָן					
of the LORD	H408	keep not silence	H1824					
H3068			H0					

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 52:8 (References Lord): Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 (Parallel theme): Pray without ceasing.

Isaiah 56:10 (Parallel theme): His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.

Hebrews 13:17 (Parallel theme): Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

Jeremiah 6:17 (Parallel theme): Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken.

Isaiah 62:1 (Peace): For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.

Psalms 74:2 (Parallel theme): Remember thy congregation, which thou hast purchased of old; the rod of thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed; this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.

Genesis 32:26 (Parallel theme): And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

Genesis 32:12 (Parallel theme): And thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.

2 Chronicles 8:14 (Parallel theme): And he appointed, according to the order of David his father, the courses of the priests to their service, and the Levites to their charges, to praise and minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required: the porters also by their courses at every gate: for so had David the man of God commanded.

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