INTRODUCTION

1. In this section of the book of Ezekiel the prophet’s responsibility as a WATCHMAN is repeated -- Ezek. 3:17

2. In our text, he told of the responsibility of those that hear the warning -- Ezek. 33:5

3. Ezekiel was a priest that was carried into captivity in Babylon in 597 B.C.; his mission was to save from complete apostasy the group in Babylon that had been carried away in 597 B.C.

4. Let us notice the text:
   (1) The man that does not take warning, "His blood shall be upon him."
   (2) "But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul"

5. The text relates:
   (1) A warning given.
   (2) Warning taken.
   (3) What the warning taken will produce.

6. Let us study this text in light of us today.

I. GOD HAS GIVEN AMPLE WARNING TO THE SINNER TODAY

1. The preacher is to warn -- II Tim. 4:5-6

2. By the solemn statements of God’s word:
   (1) Rom. 3:23
   (2) Rom. 6:23
   (3) John 8:24
   (4) Isa. 59: 1 - 2
   (5) Ezek. 18:20
   (6) 2 Thess. 1: 8 - 9
   (7) Matt. 7:21
   (8) Rom. 2: 8 - 9
   (9) Matt. 25:30
   (10) Matt. 25:41
   (11) Gal. 5: 19 - 21
   (12) 2 John 9 - 11

3. By the striking examples of His displeasure with sin -- Rom. 15:4; I Cor. 10: 1-12
   (1) He destroyed the world with a flood in the days of Noah -- Gen. 6: 5 - 8; 7: 23 - 24
   (2) He destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah -- Gen. 18; 19; Gen. 18:20; 19:13
   (3) Saul was rejected from being king because he did not utterly destroy Amalek -- I Sam. 15:26
   (4) Lot’s wife looked back "and she became a pillar of salt"-- Gen. 19:26
   (5) Ananias and Sapphira lied -- Acts 5: 1 - 11
   (6) Rom. 11:22

4. By faithful preachers of the gospel.
   (1) They are not to shun to declare all the counsel of God -- Acts 20: 20,27
They do not seek to please men -- Gal. 1:10; Acts 20:26
They are to warn every man -- Col. 1: 28; Acts 20:31; Ezek. 3:18
They are to preach the Word, reprove, rebuke, and exhort -- 2 Tim. 4: 2 - 5
They are to put the brethren in remembrance -- I Tim. 4:6

II. OUR TEXT REFERS TO THE WARNING TAKEN -- THIS IMPLIED:
   1. Serious attention
      (1) They have heard the Word that God has spoken -- Heb. 1: 1 - 2
   2. It implies earnest belief.
      (1) After hearing it, they have believed it -- Rom. 10:17; Heb. 3: 12 - 13
      (2) They have believed it so as to be alarmed and convicted.
         1. John 16:8; Acts 2: 37 - 38
   3. It implies grateful obedience.
      (1) When we obey the warning, we prove our faith genuine -- James 2:17, 24.
      (2) Noah -- Heb. 11:7; Mk. 16:15 - 16

III. OUR TEXT REFERS TO WHAT THE WARNING TAKEN WILL PRODUCE
   1. He shall deliver his own soul from guilt and condemnation of sin-- Rom. 8:1; Rom. 6: 23
      (1) This is what Christ says to the sinner today:
         1. Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; Rom. 6:3 - 4
      2. He shall deliver his soul from the misery of sin.
         (1) No longer a slave to sin -- John 8:24; Rom. 6: 16 - 18; 6:12
      3. He shall deliver his soul from the future and eternal consequences of sin -- Matt. 25:46; Rev. 20: 14 - 15; I Pet. 1: 5, 9

CONCLUSION
   1. Let me urge you who are in your sins to take warning today!
   2. There is no need for you to perish...

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