Introduction: This chapter has some similarities with **Ezekiel 3** and **18.** The time of this prophecy is not given although in the middle of the chapter we have a date, **v. 21**.

**I) The Duties of The Watchman, Ezekiel 33.1-20**

**A) A " " or guard is to keep watch and warn, Ezekiel 33.1-9**

1. When he gives a warning there are two possible outcomes:

2. If he does not give the warning two things will happen:

**B) Applied specifically to Ezekiel, v. 7-9**

1. God made Ezekiel a watchman for the house of

2. Think of the preacher's responsibilities in **2 Timothy 4.2-3,** **2 Corinthians 2.15-17**, **James 3.1**

**C) The watchman's message, Ezekiel 10-20**

1. People often misunderstand God's grace. **v.11**

2. His purpose is not to take pleasure in death but to warn then so they

3. Repentance demands more than sorrow it demands change in our way of thinking and doing, **v. 14- 16**

a. There is something called , **Matthew 3.8**

b. Jesus called this " " in **John 15.**

4. God judges us on what we are now and not what we used to be**, v. 17-20.**

**II) Reaction To Jerusalem's Fall, Ezekiel 33.21-29**

**A) Word Comes of , vv. 21-22**

1. Ezekiel could only speak when God gave him something to say, **Ezekiel 3.26,27**

2. When word comes back about Jerusalem's demise, God would allow him to speak, **Ezekiel 24.25-27.**

**B) Preaching after the fall, Ezekiel 33.23-29**

1. The people had deceived themselves based on a false premise

2. People today think that numbers matter with God and popular opinion determines doctrinal matters**, Exodus 23.2**, **Ezekiel 33.25-26, Isaiah 59.1-2**

**III) The Reality of Ezekiel's Position, Ezekiel 33.30-33**

**A) The people's reaction to the prophet:**

**B) Reaction to preaching and teaching today:**

**C) Paul's instructions in 1& 2 Timothy and Titus:**

Conclusion: As Christians we are to understand our role in preaching and spreading the word. As the audience we are not just to come and agree with what is taught but do what is taught. The power is in the Word of God. If it is not changing us it is due to us and not the watchman or the word.