



Prepare Watch
+
Doors Stream

NIGHT WATCHES

6pm - 9pm > Shalom (Family)

9pm - 12am > Prepare (Doors)

12am - 3am > Warfare (Church)

3am - 6am > Freedom (Resources)

Atmosphere
Spiritual Fields

The second of the four night watches is Prepare. We focus on the Doors prayer stream.

Let's explore a brief overview of the supernatural beings and their activities in unseen realms.

Heaven is where Yahweh the Creator, our Abba Father, dwells with his Son Jesus, the Lamb who was slain, and all angels and heavenly beings loyal to

righteousness and holiness along with the saints and martyrs whose souls are present and conscious there worshipping God and praying for the Church to fulfill Jesus Messiah's Great Commission.

Hell is where Satan, the Deceiver & Destroyer, dwells in fire and darkness with all demons: angels who joined the Dragon's rebellion against God's glory and were cast into hell for eternal separation and punishment. Also in hell are the souls of Lucifer's disciples, men and women who entered into wicked covenants of evil in their life, worshipping the Devil and joining him in hatred, hostility, and abominations.

Earth is where humanity dwells generation after generation from Creation and Eden Garden to Judgment Day and the New Jerusalem. There is a spiritual plane where angels and demons can travel from realm to realm, interact with one another, and observe and influence people's thoughts, decisions, and behavior.

Yahweh and Jesus send angels to earth to protect people and reveal his messages to them through dreams, visions, and encounters. The Holy Spirit is everywhere, present in every place: living within true disciples and speaking to them, as well as knocking on the door of every lost heart from conception to final heartbeat, offering the Good News and eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ. Satan sends evil spirits from hell to earth in order to spy on people, fortify existing strongholds, possess anyone who opens up their soul, and oppress and attack anyone who resists.

The second night watch is about preparation. The Bible says that any serious follower of Christ will face great suffering and perpetual spiritual warfare and persecution. The world is not neutral, and good and evil are not equally matched.

Many authors before me have identified three common dimensions of spiritual attacks; the inroads demons attempt to make into a person's desires, values, and very soul. These dimensions are the self, the world, and hell's agents.

In the first dimension, we battle the self. We are tempted to deny the Holy Spirit's presence and drown out his voice. We are prone to wander far away from God through various ways like distractions and deceptions, caring more about ourselves than others, avoiding prayer and meditation on Truth, and seeking personal, temporary pleasures that are incompatible with God's design and heaven's culture.

In the second dimension, we battle the world. We are tempted to focus on the here and now from our own sinful perspective. Some are lazy and don't care about anything. Others seek wealth, power, fame, reputation, and control. Still others invest in causes, cults, and crusades that all appear to be worthy and worthwhile, but they too are incompatible with loving God with all our hearts and abiding with his Word and Spirit.

In the third dimension, we battle evil spirits. We don't actually fight them. Scripture is clear that they are too powerful and experienced to resist head on. No, we put on God's armor, rest in the Holy Spirit's presence, keep our eyes fixed upon Jesus Christ, stand upon the

Secure Rock of our covenant with Yahweh, and resist the Devil and his demons. Our Good Shepherd & Mighty Defender promises never to allow anything too great to oppress us. Jesus' Holy Spirit within us is greater than even the deadly Hellfire Dragon.

Often during the daytime, we are not focused on or aware of all these realities, because the sun is shining, and we are awake and working on whatever tasks are in front of us to accomplish. The Devil is called the Prince of Darkness for a reason, and the Prepare Watch is the natural time when we remember where we find ourselves in the daily cycle of prayer watches. The sun sets, darkness falls, and we have a visual reminder that night is here and demons are prowling.

Throughout the Prepare watch of the night, Satan sends his demons out into the world for reconnaissance: spying on people here, and returning to hell to report intel. The Prince of Darkness sees everything through the lens of night. Anyone who already belongs to him appears in darkness, they have no light, because they have no hope, and they have closed the door to Jesus' Holy Spirit. What he does see are Jesus' disciples, Yahweh's eternal sons and daughters, vessels and channels of Jesus' Holy Spirit. He can see where we are, he can see how bright our lights are shining, and he can see connections between the lights through our friendships and assignments as believers.

Be assured, the Hellfire Dragon has only one thing on his mind: prevent or poison all Great Commission activity of the worldwide body of Christ. You seek, Lucifer is already defeated. Jesus' final words on the

cross were, "It is finished!" Before Jesus died and gave up his Spirit, he defeated the devil. Flawless victory. In this moment, Satan realized that Yahweh's prophecy in Eden came true, "you will strike his heel, and he will crush your head." The Devil was quiet and still between Jesus' death, resurrection, ascension, and Pentecost Day. He wasn't sure what God's plans were once he realized he was defeated @ Golgotha.

Once the Hellfire Dragon realized that God's plan was to fill humans with the Holy Spirit, and they were invited to Jesus' mission to make disciples in every nation, people, language, and tribe, he realized what his new mission was. Before, he was focused on keeping the Messiah from being born and dying to save the world. He absolutely failed, and that mission was over, now impossible to achieve. But at Pentecost, he realized that God was once again collaborating with humans on earth to see his Kingdom come, and the Devil had already had 4,000 years of experience poisoning, corrupting, and contaminating humans in every generation from Adam to John Baptizer.

Back then, he shifted gears and committed fully to defending all the ground he had on earth through humans worshipping him and driving demons into the offensive against Spirit-filled Christ followers. That's been his strategy since Jesus Messiah poured out his Spirit from heaven into the 120 disciples in Jerusalem.

The Hellfire Dragon and his forces do not take any time off, they don't take vacations, and they never let up. Whatever generation fully surrenders to God's will and finishes Jesus' 2,000-year-old Great Commission

will face the most intense and pervasive spiritual warfare anyone before us has ever tasted or seen.

It's just the Truth, crystal clear in the Scriptures. We are not afraid of it, and we do not back down or stand by. The perfect love of Jesus drives out all fear. Wherever the Spirit of the LORD is, there is freedom. Greater is Jesus' Holy Spirit living within us than the formidable dragon lurking in the world's shadows. And Yahweh, who began a good work in us, will be faithful to complete his plans; his will will be fulfilled in his timing.

All this evidence helps us see why the Preparation night watch is so important. As a bridge between day and night, we are sealing and blessing what's happened during the day; then, we shift gears and remember our desperate need for God's intervention and protection during our vulnerability in the dark.

We pray for self-awareness through Jesus' Spirit, to discern by his grace with his power and revelation all the ways our adversary seeks to take back ground in our hearts, families, and generation, to fortify our spiritual and emotional defenses against spiritual attacks at night, and put on the spiritual armor of God to safeguard us from sin and restlessness through the night: Truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, the purity of God's Word, and the blazing fire of God's Spirit.

Abba Father, help us to perceive and understand how your Spirit operates through the night. Keep us from ignorance, and protect us from neglecting our calling and commission to be Night Watchmen Warriors in Jesus' name we pray, trust, and believe, Amen.

Revelation

Verses To Guide Us

Anchor > We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our Forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a High Priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek. (Hebrews 6:19-20 NIV)

Ancient Doors > Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of Glory may come in. Who is this King of Glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!
(Psalm 24:7-8 ESV)

Ancient of Days > While I was watching, thrones were set up, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His garment was as white as snow, and the hair of His head like pure wool. His throne was ablaze with flames, its wheels a burning fire. A river of fire was flowing and coming out from before Him. Thousands of thousands attended Him and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, and the books were opened. (Daniel 7:9-10 TLV)

Blazing Fire > But who will be able to endure it when he comes? Who will be able to stand and face him when he appears? For he will be like a Blazing Fire that refines metal, or like a strong soap that bleaches clothes. (Malachi 3:2 NLT)

Choose Life > Today I am giving you a choice of two ways. And I ask heaven and earth to be witnesses of your choice. You can choose life or death. The first choice will bring a blessing. The other choice will bring

a curse. So choose life! Then you and your children will live. You must love the LORD your God and obey him. Never leave him, because he is your life. (Deuteronomy 30:19-20 ERV)

Depend > Don't put your trust in human leaders; no human being can save you. When they die, they return to the dust. On that day, all their plans come to an end. Happy are those who have the God of Jacob to help them and who depend on the LORD their God, the Creator of heaven, earth, and sea, and all that is in them. He always keeps his promises. (Psalm 146:3-6 GNT)

Door > Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the Door of the sheep. All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the Door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." (John 10:7-10 NKJV)

Fortress > Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him. He alone is my Rock and my Salvation, my Fortress where I will not be shaken. (Psalm 62:5-6 NLT)

Glory Firewall > The angel said, "Go tell this young man that Jerusalem will some day be so full of people that she won't have room enough for all! Many will live outside the city walls, with all their many cattle; yet, they will be safe. For the LORD himself will be a Wall of

Fire protecting them and all Jerusalem; he will be the Glory of the city.” (Zechariah 2:4-5 TLB)

King Eternal Immortal Invisible > But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. Now to the King Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, the Only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen. (1 Timothy 1:16-17 NIV)

Light in the Darkness > If I say, “Let the darkness hide me and let the Light around me turn into night,” even the darkness is not too dark for you. Night is as bright as day. Darkness and light are the same to you. (Psalm 139:11-12 GWT)

Mighty Hand > Moses said, “Has any god ever attempted to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, and by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great deeds of terror, all of which the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD is God; there is no other besides him.” (Deuteronomy 4:34-35 ESV)

Pass Over > The LORD says, “I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night and strike every firstborn male in the land of Egypt, both people and animals. I am the LORD; I will execute judgments against all the gods of Egypt. The blood on the houses where you are staying will be a distinguishing mark for you; when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No plague will be among you to destroy you when I strike the land of

Egypt. This day is to be a memorial for you, and you must celebrate it as a festival to the LORD. You are to celebrate it throughout your generations as a permanent statute.” (Exodus 12:12-14 CSB)

Pillars > The LORD went before Israel by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people. (Exodus 13:21-22 ESV)

Protective Shade > The LORD himself watches over you! The LORD stands beside you as your Protective Shade. The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon at night. (Psalm 121:5-6 NLT)

Safe & Secure > I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39 CSB)

Sealed > All of God’s promises have their “Yes” in him. That is why we say “Amen” through him to the glory of God. God is the one who establishes us with you in Christ and who anointed us. God also sealed us and gave the Spirit as a down payment in our hearts. (2 Corinthians 1:20-22 CEB)

Shelter & Strength > God is our Shelter and Strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. So we will not be afraid, even if the earth is shaken and mountains fall into the ocean depths. (Psalm 46:1-2 GNB)

Steadfast Spirit > Turn Your face away from my sins and blot out all my guilt. God, create a clean heart for me and renew a Steadfast Spirit within me.
(Psalm 51:9-10 HCSB)

Victory > No wisdom, no understanding, no counsel can avail against the Lord. The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but the victory belongs to the LORD.
(Proverbs 21:30-31 ESV)

Watchmen's Hope > I hope, LORD. My whole being hopes, and I wait for God's promise. My whole being waits for my LORD: more than the night watch waits for morning; yes, more than the night watch waits for morning! Israel, wait for the LORD! Because faithful love is with the LORD; because great redemption is with our God! He is the one who will redeem Israel from all her sin. (Psalm 130:5-8 CEB)

Zion's King > The kings of earth set themselves up and rulers conspire together against Adonai and against his Anointed One: "Let's rip their chains apart, and throw their ropes off us!" He who sits in heaven laughs! Adonai mocks them. So he will speak to them in his anger, and terrify them in his fury: "I have set up my King upon Zion, my Holy Mountain." I will declare the decree of Adonai. He said to me: "You are my Son. Today, I have become your Father. Ask me, and I will give the nations as your inheritance, and the far reaches of the earth as your possession."
(Psalm 2:2-8 TLV)

Treasures

Practicing Heaven Here & Now

Promises

- Abba Father and Jesus Messiah are with us through the Holy Spirit. He promises to strengthen, help, and shelter us in spiritual warfare. (Isaiah 41:10)
- Love overcomes fear; God's promises are more powerful than menacing demons. If we will let him, Jesus will drive spirits of fear out of us and secure us in his perfect love. (1 John 4:18)
- While we acknowledge the strength, experience, and danger of our adversaries, we look to Jesus and behold his greater glory. We know the enemy comes under the cover of night, but God is our Rock & Refuge. Our confidence is in his authority. (Psalm 59:5-10)
- Jesus prepared himself for the terrible trials he was about to endure in the Garden of Gethsemane. He asked his disciples to pray for him while he wrestled with his Father over his approaching torture and death. He trusted in our Father's promise to raise him up, praying, "Not my will, but yours be done." (Matthew 26:36-46)
- Satan is the Accuser, but he does not have supreme authority. He must ask permission from God to influence humanity. He's a created being, just as we are. While he accuses, condemns, and attacks us, it's all under Yahweh's supervision, and he will never

allow the Hellfire Dragon to plague us with more than we can handle. (Job 2:1-10)

- As we prepare for warfare under the cloak of night, we these enter spiritual battlefields armed with precious protection and promised victory. Though we face great adversity, sleepless nights, terrifying dreams, and inescapable fears, Jesus' Holy Spirit is with us and will help us as we trust and abide in him. (Hebrews 13:20-21)
- Jesus is our protection. Angels and prayers are helpful, but we are hidden in Christ, and he is our Defender. We can't sin during the day and then expect God's blessings and protection if we don't confront our rebellion and repent. We are called to walk in wisdom, and that wisdom is the person of Jesus Christ. When we abide in him, we can rest at night in peace, free from all fear. (Proverbs 3:21-26)

Prayers

- Rejoice in the presence and projection of Jesus' Holy Spirit.
- Rejoice in Jesus Christ the Light of the World. Light and darkness are the same to him, and nothing is hidden from his sight. (Psalm 139:11-12)
- Ask Jesus, King of Angels, to send cherubim warriors to be stationed at the four corners of your property. Request guardian angels to be stationed in every room or space where you are spending the night.

- Acknowledge Jesus' Holy Spirit's presence. Thank him for staying through the night with you. Tell him you're listening and available to receive whatever revelations or instructions he has for tonight's watch.
- Declare the covenant protection of Jesus Christ's blood and the testimonies of all martyrs, for by these two blessings, we have already overcome whatever the Devil has planned for tonight. (Revelation 12:11)
- Ask Jesus for dreams of the kingdom of heaven.
- Ask for supernatural protection over yourself, your loved ones, and anyone Jesus' Holy Spirit puts on your heart to pray for.
- Ask the Ancient of Days to raise up a Wall of Holy Fire around yourself and your loved ones in the same space. Ask him to raise up that Pillar of Blazing Fire to stand guard in your presence and shield you from all enemy attacks as you rest.
- Pray for missionaries around the world who are advancing God's kingdom through the Gospel for their protection and deliverance.
- Pray for the Persecuted Church. At any given moment, hundreds of thousands of Jesus' disciples are in jail; millions are enduring severe persecution and life challenges most of us could not imagine.
- Pray for all doors currently open to the flesh, world, and hell to be closed. Pray for all doors our Abba Father desires to be open to himself and his Word & Spirit be opened in Jesus' name.

- Pray for those you know who wrestle with addiction. One of the greatest battles anyone faces consistently is those who are under the control of addictions, which manifest their power at night.

Practice

- Set a daily alarm on your cell phone to remind you of the approaching night watches, around sundown.
- So often we worship God during the day and then quench the Spirit at night. Listen to worship songs. Sing God's praises specifically at dusk: the brief time between sunset and when the stars first come out, usually 30 minutes to an hour. Sing and celebrate God's goodness & glory as a sign that your heart and home is no open place for the Devil to prowl.
- Ask Jesus' Holy Spirit if there's anyone you need to text or call at this time who may face a night watch battle so you can pray with and encourage them, letting them know they're not alone or helpless.
- Confess struggles and fears. Be honest about temptations and ask for Jesus' help to overcome. Ask specifically for purity and integrity, for most of us experience temptations, self-deception, and pleasure seeking while alone at night.
- Openly confess any doors to your body, mind, heart, and emotions that you're already aware of and ask Jesus' Spirit to seal them up for the night. Ask Jesus, the Revealer of Truth, to show you back doors you are opening for the adversary to invade that you're

not aware of. Ask him to teach you how to close them so they're not available for enemy entry.

- Remember Jesus' teaching about prayer, that if you forgot to forgive someone who hurt you, stop praying and go to that person and make peace. Ask Jesus' Spirit to reveal any unforgiveness or bitterness, and either call that person to reconcile or bring them before God in prayer and forgive them in his presence in prayer and release them from their offense. (Matthew 5:23-24, Ephesians 4:26-27)
- Invite Jesus' Spirit to wake you up anytime during the night for revelations or intercession assignments. Welcome these holy "interruptions" and ask for strength and awareness even under the fog of sleep to focus on the Holy Spirit's messages and serve faithfully on God's kingdom battlefield.
- Join a night watch prayer group for a season of your life. Get involved in their communications and sign up to serve during one of the night watches with someone else. As you pray, keep a list of 1) what the Spirit is saying, and 2) whom Jesus asks you to pray for. Share what you're learning with a friend.
- If you're struggling with the same temptation and giving into the Devil over and over again, be bold and courageous and ask a friend for help. Discuss sources for your failures and pray. Ask Jesus' Holy Spirit for solutions to close those back doors by his power and for his glory. Never give up trying.