



On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed a watchman...  
—Isaiah 62:6

# Watchman prayer alert

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## The Finger of God

“Come on up!” God instructed Moses. So, at His direction, Moses began his trek up Mount Sinai. God had promised to give him the stone tablets engraved with the covenant, the Law. (Exodus 24:12) The Bible records seven more chapters of instructions given by God to Moses before God awards him the two engraved tablets.

*“When He had finished speaking with him upon Mount Sinai, He gave Moses the two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, written by the finger of God.”* (Exodus 31:18, Deuteronomy 9:10)

When Moses came down from the mountain to find the people worshipping a golden calf, He shattered the stone tablets. It required another hike up the mountain with stone blanks so God could engrave a new set. (Exodus 34)

Did you notice the stylus used to engrave the tablets? The finger of God. God wrote down His law on the stone tablets using His finger. And, He wrote them not once, but twice.

Now flip over to John. Here a woman was caught in adultery and was to be judged by the law of Moses. What did Jesus do? He knelt down, and with His finger he wrote in the dust. He did it not

once, but twice. What He wrote is not recorded. The important part was that the finger of God wrote in the earth, and the religious group dispersed, probably because of the conviction they discovered from their own short comings. Perhaps it was the finger of the pre-incarnate Christ that inscribed the first two stone tablets and the incarnate Christ who wrote in the sand with the same finger and the same authority.

Let’s consider for a moment other places in scripture where the finger of God figures prominently.

### *Finger of Judgment*

When God’s people were enslaved in Egypt, He sent a variety of plagues upon the Egyptian people. The first two were easily replicated by the local magicians. The third plague was a swarm of gnats. When the Egyptian magicians could not replicate it, they swore to Pharaoh, *“This is the finger of God.”* (Exodus 8:19) In this instance, it looks like the finger of God brings judgment.

This also happened in Daniel’s day. The rulers were holding a party, profaning the holy objects from the temple and worshipping everything but

God. *"Suddenly the fingers of a man's hand emerged and began writing opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, and the king saw the back of the hand that did the writing."* (Daniel 5:5) Of course, Daniel interpreted the message of doom, and that night the king died, and the Medes assumed power. Again the finger of God pointed to judgment.



### *Finger of Power*

On another occasion Jesus expelled a demon that made a man mute. The crowds marveled, but some accused Jesus of using demonic power to work His miracles. Jesus gave this rebuttal, *"Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and a house divided against itself falls. If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. And if I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? So they will be your judges. But if I cast out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you."* (Luke 11:17-20)

There were only two choices. Either Jesus worked under the jurisdiction of the devil or He held the power of God in His finger. Obviously, it would be counterproductive for the devil to cast out his minions. Therefore, Jesus worked for His heavenly

Father, God. Jesus argued that the power in the finger of God controls the demons, and He has the authority to wield that immense power of God.

### *Finger of Creativity*

David extolled the incredible power of creativity held in the finger of God. He sang, *"When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained; what is mankind that you are mindful of them?"* (Psalm 8:3-4)

Imagine that the expanse of heaven, all the stars, the moon, the sun and all the planets are the work of the fingers of God. We possess power in our fingers to create also... birthday cakes, book shelves, paintings, pottery, poems and parties. Imagine the creativity and the power in fingers that create solar systems! What power is contained in His fingers!

### *Summary*

So far, we have seen that the finger of God contains immense power, which He uses to express His infinite creativity. And we see that His finger inscribes the Laws and applies justice when the fundamental laws are violated.

Is it any wonder that Solomon coached his son, *"My son, keep my words and store up my commands within you. Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye. Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart."* (Proverbs 7:1-3)

The laws of God were handed down from father to son. The wise son would bind them securely to his own finger to keep them ever in front of him. He would inscribe them on his heart so that he could meditate on them and treasure them. Should a wise person handle the law of God any differently today?

### *Our Hearts*

It looks like God's finger is still inscribing His law today. Only now, it is not written on tablets of stone, but on hearts of flesh. The Holy Spirit instructs us in the way that we should go.

Before Jesus was even born, God spoke to Jeremiah about the new covenant to come saying, *"I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people."* (Jeremiah 31:33)

This is such a powerful promise that it was mentioned twice in Hebrews. (Hebrews 8:9, 10:16) What is interesting in Hebrews is the logic which follows the old testament promise.

*"Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near."* (Hebrews 10:19-25)

By writing His law on our hearts, we can have a very personal relationship with Him. We will be His people, and He will be our only God, our Savior, our Hope, our Champion, our Boss, and our Friend. Notice the responsibility and the privilege which accompany our stewardship of the the Holy Spirit and the Law in our hearts.

This is our privilege. We are granted full access into the throne room of God through Jesus. We

can make our requests to the God who creates stars with His fingers. We can boldly come before Him and fall at His feet or sit in His lap. He has an open door policy for those who are His own.

Consider the responsibility. We are to encourage each other to love purely and do good deeds. We are told to prioritize our fellowship time with other

believers. We are to encourage each other. As we get closer to the end of days, it is even more important that we remind each other of this high calling. Love freely. Do good. Meet regularly. Encourage faithfully.

So, how are we doing? Has Jesus inscribed His Law in your heart? Have you felt the prompting on the Holy Spirit? Has the finger of God touched your life? How long has it been since we have approached the throne of God boldly? Do you express grace and love others? Is your life marked by good works that testify of your relationship with Jesus? Do you have a group of believers that you get together with regularly?

Are you an encourager?

We need the finger of God writing His law on our hearts and the Spirit of Christ living through us. This is my prayer today:

Lord Jesus, please put Your law in my mind and write it on my heart so that I will be Yours and You will be my God. I long to know You. Holy Spirit make me a conduit through which You can work, because our world desperately needs a touch from the finger of God.

*"You however are not controlled by the sinful nature, but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ, does not belong to him."*

*(Roman 8:9)*

