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There has been a recent report of yet another attack on the internet. This time our government wants to 'protect' us by giving them access to our computers to check it for viruses. The new threat, they say, could knock us off the internet.

As I read this report, Holy Spirit rose up within me. I recalled a passage from Isaiah 56:10 speaking of certain men of God saying, "His watchmen are blind; they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. . . "

Historically, we know while the church slept, the abortion law, Roe v. Wade was passed. My question is this, "Will we sleep again while the internet is taken from the body of Christ?"

The world wide web is possibly one of the greatest advances for the church and ministry in our lifetime. The Word of God is flying around the globe on the superhighway of the internet. Missions can receive funds almost anywhere in the world via electronic transactions on the web. Shut-ins can experience a streaming church service including praise and worship. Revelation and prophesy is easily disseminated in an hour on the internet.

At the same time, the adversary has stolen precious space on the web in order to distribute child pornography, violence, to sell illegal contraband like drugs. The church needs to take our place on the wall and bark a warning that we're not going to let this happen on our watch!

Think of some of the terminology surrounding computers and internet. Our computers have a firewall for protection. Who are the watchmen on that 'wall'? Where is the supernatural firewall that decrees no evil shall come close? Why are we letter the prince of the power of the air (world wide web) have his way?

Computers and computer programs have 'logic gates'. This reminds me that in order to have justice arise, there must be elders in the gates. Elders were highly respected and qualified men and women of Israel that knew the word and will of God and could dispense justice. Where are the elders in the logic gates of computers that pray and intercede and say there will be no evil logic implemented on our watch?

There's even a Jacobs Ladder built into computers. A Jacob's ladder or high voltage traveling arc is a device for producing a continuous train of large sparks which rise upwards. The spark gap is formed by two wires, approximately vertical but gradually diverging away from each other towards the top in a narrow "V" shape. It was named for the "ladder to heaven" described in the Bible. Of course the original Jacobs Ladder was not a ladder at all but in the Hebrew language is a higher meant for heavy loads!

Jacobs Ladder was a portal connecting Heaven and Earth. The internet operates on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> heaven and it's time for the watchmen of God and the righteous judges in the gates to intervene and insure that this wonderful highway called the internet is taken, kept and maintained for the kingdom of God.

The word of God inspires us to awake unto righteousness. Let's wake up and be watchmen on the wall and bark the alarm that there is an enemy at the gate who desires to control the airwaves and it's not the government and it's not a virus, but rather, it is the defeated yet destructive foe, satan.