

Consecrate Your Gates ~ audio version

Hello, everyone.

I was planning to release part two of 'A Meal That Moves You', but the night before last, a friend of mine from the United States called, and we had some good fellowship over the phone, and we were both sharing what the Lord had been doing in our lives in terms of final tweaking and preparation - and there was a lot of correlation between what He had been doing with her and what He had been doing with me. And afterwards, when I went to bed, the Lord said to me that I needed to share with the Tip of the Spear Company, in order for people to be able to prepare their hearts and be ready for the second part of 'A Meal That Moves You'. Do you remember that? I said that I want us to break bread together during that message? Paul spoke about partaking of the bread and the wine in a manner worthy of communion. And we all know that we need to search our hearts and repent when we take communion, so that we are in right standing with the Lord. So, the things I'm going to share with you are personal things, but I know they apply on a much wider scale than just myself - and my friend confirmed it when she shared what the Lord had been doing with her.

What God is really about in these days of waiting is correcting any misalignment to His plumb line. And He began to speak to me a lot about this plumb line and the specific plumb line He has for the End-time Remnant and the Tip of the Spear Company. So I was not surprised when He began to point out to me areas where I wasn't fully aligned with His specific plumb line for my life. So, first of all, in the middle of May, I was sitting with Him and He said to me, **"Your hunger for information exceeds your hunger for impartation"**. And I was quite shocked because that's quite an indictment to be told about oneself. All I wanted to know was how I could change that balance. I have always had an inquiring mind and I love learning about new things, whether it's science or biology or the universe or gardening or all sorts of things. I love learning. And so I understood what He meant when He spoke about 'your hunger for information'. But when I asked Him for counsel on how to change this balance between hunger for information and hunger for impartation, He said:

"Fast whatever you want to break the hold of in your life. In the natural, if the stronghold is the hunger for sweet things, deny yourself those things until your

body restores its balance. If the hunger or thirst is for information or knowledge, shut the doors to the sources of that knowledge, until the hunger of your spirit exceeds the hunger of your intellect. Men say knowledge is power. I say impartation brings power. Choose who you will believe. Decide which avenue you will make your life pursuit. You cannot mine both shafts at the same time. I say to you, ask of Me, and I will show you great and mighty things that you do not know. So which source of knowledge do you value more? Do you value the knowledge discovered by men, or do you value the great and mighty things that I wish to share with you? Which Oracle imparts life and truth? And who will you sit before daily? The 'tell-a-vision' or the One who is the Source of all true vision?"

And you know, immediately when He spoke about showing me great and mighty things, I understood that a thirst for knowledge is about discovering and reading about and seeing things that you did not know before - and that can present itself in the form of listening to news stations, reading daily reports, reading research articles, reading other people's Bible studies... all sorts of things. But God is saying that you cannot mine the shaft of man's information and the shaft of God's knowledge at the same time! You only have enough hours in your day to choose one or the other at this time. And then He began to direct me to a scripture in Isaiah 33. Now, this Scripture has often spoken to me, and I have shared about it many times in various ways in my endtime books and in various posts.

Isaiah 33:14 The sinners in Zion are afraid. Trembling seizes the godless ones and they cry 'who among us can dwell with that devouring fire? Who among us can dwell with the everlasting burnings?' And then God answers v15 'He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly, who despises gain from fraud and from oppression, who shakes his hand free from the taking of bribes, and who stops his ears from the hearing of bloodshed and shuts his eyes to avoid looking upon evil. Such a man will dwell on the heights. His place of defence will be the fortresses of rocks. His bread will be given him and water for him will be sure. Your eyes will see the king in his beauty, and you will behold a land of wide distances that stretches far.

So, at this season the Lord brought that Scripture back to me and He emphasized the eye and the ear gates. There was specific instructions given about what to do concerning those gates; what to allow in and what to keep out. And so I was meditating

on those things, understanding that I must be a lot more careful about what I'm looking at with my eyes. That involves when you're watching the news and what you allow to enter your ears in the form of news reports or stories and accounts of things that have happened. Our ears must not allow the hearing of bloodshed to penetrate them. And our eyes must shut out all forms of evil. We must not allow our gates to be penetrated by bloodshed and evil - and that pretty much rules out 98% of what is on the news these days, doesn't it?

It also rules out listening to people slandering other people, because Jesus said that if you hate someone in your heart, you have committed murder. So, when someone speaks evil of someone else because of a root of hatred and jealousy and bitterness in their heart, that is your ears hearing of bloodshed, because that person's character and reputation in the community and in social circles is being shredded and decimated.

So, God was speaking and saying a much higher standard is required now of the Endtime Remnant and the Tip of the Spear. The way is narrower than it used to be. The plumb line is before you - and Isaiah 33:15 is the plumb line. So then, towards the end of May, I was praying and asking God for my spiritual sight and hearing to be increased and sharpened, because He had said to me that I am ministering to the Tip of the Spear and for me to be able to minister things that edify and sharpen the Tip of the Spear, I need greater spiritual sight and greater spiritual hearing. When I asked Him for these things, He said to me,

“CONSECRATION PRECEDES AMPLIFICATION. I cannot lay the bread of Heaven in a bowl with the defiled titbits of Earth's idle entertainment. Clean your vessel, consecrate your gates and no more let the defiled and the unclean into your temple. Let your gates be set apart now for holy use, for the reception of divine things, for the entry of Heavenly light and sound.”

I knew that he was calling me to an even narrower and a more intense level of consecration. I've quite often spoke about being careful about what you watch. But you know, I think I've told you quite often that I'm an incurable romantic. And sometimes in the evenings when I'm tired, when I've had a really busy day. I just want to relax and unwind, and occasionally I will get onto YouTube and pull up a Hallmark movie. I know with Hallmark movies, there's no bedroom scenes, there's no swearing. They're always

boy meets girl, and there's always a happy ending... with a bit of drama in between. So, I always viewed that as kind of a safe way to unwind and to relax on occasion, not every single night and not 15 movies in one night! But now the Lord is calling me to a greater level of consecration, and He's calling the Tip of the Spear to a greater level of consecration. It's so important what He said: HE CANNOT LAY THE BREAD OF HEAVEN IN THE SAME BOWL WITH THE DEFILED TITBITS OF EARTH'S IDLE ENTERTAINMENT. And so, I knew the Lord was saying to me, "No more watching of movies, no more watching of series".

You know, I had a look at what was happening with the Johnny Depp and Amber Heard trial. What an absolute saga! And then the Lord instructed me to stop watching it because it was wasting hours of my day. And He said to me, "Why don't you ask me what the outcome will be?" And I did. And He told me what the outcome would be. Sure enough, two weeks later, exactly what God had told me was indeed the outcome of the trial. And He said to me, concerning watching these Hallmark movies, "broken people making movies with happy endings - earth's idle entertainment".

We're in a season where we cannot use our time for idle entertainment. It's a time when we must be alert and sober. It's a time when we must have all our faculties trained and focused upon the spirit of the living God. One thing I noticed was that, on the occasions when I used to watch a movie to relax in the evenings, that evening, I did not receive any instruction in my sleep from the Lord. And I always pray when I go to sleep that God would cover me, that God would protect my subconscious and unconscious mind while I sleep, and that the Spirit of Truth would continue to minister to my spirit as I sleep. And I ask Him every night to show me great and mighty things that I do not know. But on the days when earth's idle entertainment had filled my last hour or so of awake time, I did not get great and mighty things shown me, because my mind had not been properly focused and prepared before I went to sleep.

So, part of aligning to be able to dwell among the everlasting burnings for me is to stop watching any form of TV or internet entertainment - no Hallmark movies, no YouTube movies, no detective series or hospital series. No wasting of the precious gift of hours! And most of all, the guarding and the consecrating of my eye and ear gates. So now, when I break bread, I dip my finger in the wine and I touch both my eyelids and my ears,

and I consecrate them afresh as bondservant gates for holy things, holy sights and holy sounds.

The very first book I wrote is called Beauty Treatments for the Bride. And in it is a chapter about the ear and the eye gates. Here is an excerpt:

Chapter ten ~ The Gatekeepers That Usher In the Presence of God

David appointed four men to be gatekeepers for the ark of God. It was their responsibility to open the door so that the ark carrying the presence of God could enter. Their names were Obed-edom, Jehiah, Berechiah and Elkanah. The Bible teaches that our bodies are the temple of the Lord and we also have gates to our temples. A gate allows people or things to enter and leave a building and God has designed our eyes and ears to be the primary way that access is gained to our temples. The other senses; taste, touch and smell also provide an entrance for information or input that will affect our temple and what it contains. If we desire for our temples to contain the glory of God then it is important that we have trustworthy gatekeepers, the same kind that David entrusted with the task of ushering in the presence of the Lord. Let us look a little more in depth at these gatekeepers and the meanings of their names.

Obed-edom means 'bond-slave'

Jehiah means 'to restore to life, to be whole'

Berechiah means 'to kneel as an act of adoration'

Elkanah means 'God owns or possesses'.

These four things must be in place to open the way for the manifest presence of God in our lives and for us to be able to bring it into the lives of others.

A bond-slave was one who had been set free but had chosen to serve his master for life of his own free will. They would then pierce his ear as an outward sign that he was a bond-slave. The Lord is wanting our ear-gates to be set apart to serve Him alone. He is wanting to place a mark of ownership upon our ears so that we would truly be sheep that hear His voice and do not follow the voice of a stranger.

Unfortunately, what has happened in some cases is that we have lent our ears to the whisper of the enemy. We have listened to gossip, filthy jokes, doctrines of demons, seductive spirits and other unclean things and all these are broadcasts of Hell's radio station. By not refusing this input and quenching the convicting voice of the Holy Spirit, we have given the enemy permission over the years to set up a folding chair at this gate in our lives and we wonder why we struggle to hear God speak above the interference of the accuser of the brethren.

The gate of a city was a place of authority and rule, where legal matters were decided and the elders of the city sat. Only those who had been given authority to do so were allowed to take up their seats at the gates. In the same way, only those who you have given authority to are legally allowed to take up their seats and rule at the spiritual gates in your life. We give authority to the enemy when we live in disobedience to the Word of God, when we knowingly indulge in activities which He has forbidden, when there is unconfessed sin or our lifestyles do not fit that of a believer-priest, set-apart for His pleasure alone. This gives demonic powers legal access to territory at our gates and the only way to get rid of a legal document like this is to avail yourself of the more powerful legal document written at Calvary which states that the Blood of Jesus paid once and for all in full for the remission of this sin. The Lord requires us to confess our sin so that the voice of our Divine Advocate can ring out in the legal courts of Heaven and declare us forgiven and cleansed. Once sin is dealt with, the legal document that satan holds is nullified and his seat at the gate is overturned and restored to its rightful owner, the Lord Jesus. It is at this point that authority given by God over principalities and powers and all the works of the evil one, can be exercised and they have to leave.

There is contesture going on in the gates of our lives at the moment as to whether the King of Glory has a right to come in. Psalm 24 speaks of this.

'Who shall go to the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart....'

We are all prophetically standing in the place that Joshua the high priest finds himself in Zechariah 3; before the throne of God and Satan is at our right hand to accuse us. He knows all the details of our sin and failings and if justice has its way, then we are declared guilty as charged. But hear the voice of the Blood as it speaks in Zech 3:2

"The Lord rebuke you, satan, even the Lord who now chooses Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?"

He commands that Joshua's filthy garments be taken away and that He be clothed in rich apparel. It is said that if he is faithful, he will have a permanent place before the throne. In just the same way, even though our lives are not as they should be, our Bridegroom speaks for us in the gates. He is our Kinsman-redeemer and as we serve notice on the princes and gatekeepers of our lives and sever our alliances with them and flee to the protection of our Bridegroom, He will execute judgment on the powers of darkness that have bound and harassed us.

Psalm 24:7 says, "lift up your heads, o ye gates... that the King of Glory may come in....who is the King of Glory, the Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle". The words 'lift up your heads, o ye gates' can also be translated, 'yield, you princes at the gates'. So we see that an overthrowing and an execution of judgment on principalities and powers that have influence in our lives takes place. As we come in repentance, claiming only the Blood as our defense and serve notice on the squatters we've allowed in our territory, the battle cry of the Bridegroom is sounded and the day of His vengeance will be seen.

In Psalm 24, the other thing that is commanded to be lifted up is the 'everlasting doors'. What can this possibly refer to? Well, the Hebrew word for 'everlasting' also means 'concealed' and comes from the root word meaning 'to veil from sight, secret thing'. So there are things in our lives which are veiled and hidden purposely by the enemy so that we do not know to deal with them. The word for 'door' comes from a root meaning 'to loosen, to let go free, to break forth'. So when we pray, "be lifted up, ye everlasting doors!", we are really crying out for the hidden areas of bondage in our lives to yield and be loosed; those things that up to now have prevented the Lord's working in our lives must be loosed so that the King of Glory, the Lord of Hosts may have His way in us.

As we cleanse our temples, just as Jesus did when He came into Jerusalem and threw out the money-changers and their cronies, we are dedicating the whole temple back to holy purposes. We can see a practical example of this principle when the Israelites took over a city in Amalekite territory. Its name was En-mishpat; which means 'fountain of judgment'. Once the enemy had been subdued and routed, the name of the city was changed to Kadesh, which means 'holy place, consecrated, set-apart'.

The whole character of the place was changed from a place under the judgment of God to one which was dedicated to His glory.

The other set of gates the Lord wants to deal with are our eyes. The Word teaches that if the eye is sound, the whole body is full of light. This word 'sound' means 'clear, unclouded' and so obviously there are things which can cloud our vision. This whole discussion in Matthew 6 is followed immediately by teaching on covetousness and the love of money. The eye is the part which guides and gives direction to the body. We will move towards that which our eye is fixed on. If it is fixed on earthly things and we allow the lust of the eyes to rule us, we will never come into all that God has prepared for us. All forms of idolatry involve our eyes, as do all forms of sexual sin whether they only involve our thought lives, or our bodies as well. All pornography is designed to control people by gaining entrance through the eye-gates. The standard diet in much of what is offered as entertainment by the media consists of depictions of immorality and sexual sin and uncleanness. Yet many of God's people have allowed their eyes to rest upon these things habitually. God designed our eyes to be gates that allowed entrance to good and clean and inspiring things, that which would cause us to bow down and worship and glorify God for His greatness. Sadly, to a large extent we have come to a place where we no longer flinch at the sight of nudity or depictions of sex. Our consciences are so numbed because of the continual bombardment against godly values that we no longer call evil what the Lord calls evil. God never intended for physical intimacy to be entered into before the eyes of others but in the inner chamber before the eyes of God only. Why are we no longer convicted about looking upon that which is sacred and holy unto the Lord?

God wants our eye to be single, focused on His kingdom and righteousness and because the focus of our eyes is largely linked with our thought life, dedicating our eye-gates back to godly purposes will help us considerably in gaining victory in our minds. Let your eyes see the Word of God and the beauty of His creation and meditate on these things. Isaiah 33:15 describes a man who stops his ears from the hearing of bloodshed and shuts his eyes to avoid looking upon evil and the results of this lifestyle are that:

such a man will dwell on the heights; his place of defense will be the fortresses of rocks; his bread will be given him, water for him will be sure. Your eyes will see the King in His beauty...'

A life of holiness really means being set-apart as a vessel for God's purposes and not being involved in that which is unclean in any way. This does not mean that we have no contact with sinners, but it does mean that we are not trying to witness to them when we are under the same bondages they are. Some Christian men are tormented by lust even when trying to serve the Lord and this is largely because of undealt-with areas concerning the things they have allowed their eyes to look upon in the past which have given spirits of lust authority to set up their thrones at the eye-gates of these men. True repentance will open the way for these unclean spirits to be sent packing. Yield, you princes at the gates, so that the King of Glory may come in! We want to, like Isaiah, see the Lord, high and lifted up and His train filling the temple. '

Isn't that amazing that I shared that scripture way back in my first book? It's obviously something that the Lord is putting his finger on again - calling us to a deeper level of consecration, calling us to consecrate our time - not to the useless things that will pass away, not to idle entertainment... Look, I don't know what your particular time vice is. Maybe you love knitting. Maybe you're a fanatical crossword puzzler. Maybe you love tinkering on cars. God is just calling us to reassess the use of our time, because we have so little left before everything will change. And the word that is emphasized over and over by the Spirit is CONSECRATION. Consecration precedes amplification.

You know, whenever there was going to be something profound happening spiritually, God called the Israelites to consecrate themselves. Before He came down on Mt. Sinai with the cloud and fire, the people had to consecrate themselves for three days. Before He rolled back the Jordan and they crossed over on dry ground, Joshua called the people to consecrate themselves for the third day. They had to wash their clothes and consecrate themselves. Consecration involves setting apart, purity and focusing specifically upon the Lord and on His purposes. And I've spoken often to you about the Jewish wedding ceremony, and I think I shared recently even that when the first stages of the vows are taken between the bride and the bridegroom, he says to her, "You are mekudashet to me - that means 'consecrated & utterly set apart to me'. You belong to me alone. And God is calling the Tip of the Spear Company to make their eyes and ears gates consecrated unto Him; to make their time consecrated unto Him - to make everything that pertains to our lives to be consecrated and brought into subjection under Him. And there's reason for this! These preparations, these considerations are preparations that the remnant does before the Bridegroom does something, before He

comes down with a cloud and fire, before He rolls back the waters of the Jordan, before amplification comes. GREATER IMPARTATION FOLLOWS CONSECRATION.

So, I wanted to share these things with you because I have found myself in a place of repentance for the casual wasting of time. I've had to break soul ties with some people. I've had to really just attend to my life in minute detail according to the plumb line of Isaiah 33:15. I've had to repent for allowing my eyes to continually look upon evil. You know when you read a headline on a news page and it hints at evil, if you click on that headline, knowing that what you are going to be viewing will contain the record of something evil happening, then you are guilty of allowing your eyes to look upon evil. But if you read that headline and think, no, I will not let my eyes look upon this, then your eye gates are consecrated. If you read a news headline or the headline of a video and it says: 'Man beats wife to death with an axe and police are shocked by the scene', if you then press 'play' on that video, you are guilty of allowing your eyes to look upon evil and your ears to hear of bloodshed. Your ear gates have been breached and defiled!

The hearing of bloodshed defiles your ear gates. Therefore, because there is so much mayhem and chaos and wickedness going on in the earth, there is not one among us who has not had our ear gates defiled from the hearing of bloodshed. There's not one among us whose eyes have not looked upon evil, because of what we are continually exposed to. On your cell phone, when someone passes on to you a news report or a story or a video, assess whether it will defile your gates. Quite often, I delete those things off my phone without even opening them, playing them or reading them - because I just know that the Spirit within me is checking me and saying, "No, don't look upon it. Don't hear this. Consecrate yourself unto Me". God is well able to tell us what we need to know. Guard your eye and your gates because the enemy is going all out trying to defile the consecrated ones by any means possible.

So, I'm encouraging you to examine your practices, your lifestyle, your heart, your mind. And go through a time of repentance. And then my next message will be the second part of 'A Meal That Moves You', and we will break bread together, with our hearts and our minds and our ears clean, being in the correct repentant state to partake of that precious meal. So may the Lord bless you and may the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Holiness help you with the consecration of your eye and ear gates.

Selah