

The Gates – Part 1

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Happy New Year!! The Lord has given me a few different subjects to start the year on so off we go! I don't know that I can fully write about the gates the way I'm sensing it in my spirit. In researching, I came across some subjects concerning gates and as the Lord leads, I hope to share it as clear as I can.

I have been working for Uber for a little over 2 months now for those of you who don't know. While working for them, I have noticed there are A LOT of gated communities around here. I've noticed that a lot of people (because I work for Uber) trust me with the codes to get into some of these LAVIOUS home communities. One thing that came to mind was trust has to be present to be welcomed at a gate unless it's war..... and then there aren't any questions asked.

In the Bible – gates represented different things – from what they are made of, to the gates of houses, cities, and spiritual places. In order to stand in the gates of a city, you had to be a person of integrity and/or a leader of sorts. Gates signified a boundary and often times in the Bible, you see where people would bring the sick to the gates or use them to keep the sick and/or physically impaired people out until they were better. Gates are to be opened and to be shut depending on the need. To shut and keep out the enemy or to open a gate in preparation for the King of Glory is another subject all on its own.

I will cover Part 2 this Friday. For today, I feel like the Lord wants us to focus on spiritual gateways and boundaries. I believe He wants us to ask Him for eyes to see and ears to hear as we go into 2016 so that we can locate where spiritual gateways are in your lives and communities and we can know if when we pass one in the natural, whether it has spiritual significance or not. Once Holy Spirit starts to show us or even remind us where they are, it's up to you and I to make sure we are claiming our

territory or proclaiming over our territory the boundary of the Lord and us His people and to know what to do in general. I believe the Lord wants us to gain ground this year (you know in what areas or I believe you will!) and to do that, we need to know where we are and where we are going are set up by the Lord and protected by His leading and heavenly hosts!

Acts 12:10 – When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him.

The Lord continues to lead us and charge His army of angels to protect and war for us and one area of strong importance I believe, is that of the gateway of our home that we know that we are safe and that we can let our hair down so to speak and be transparent with one another. Within the gates of our house we should feel protected. It's up to us who comes in and out of our house gate, when we open and when we shut it. It's also up to us to pray and commit our territory within the gates to the Lord that nothing should enter or exit that is not permitted by ourselves and the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, Jesus Christ!

Acts 12:14 – When she recognized Peter's voice, because of her gladness she did not open the gate, but ran in and announced that Peter stood before the gate.

Heavenly Father – we thank You for faithfully watching over all that concerns You and for Your showing us in this upcoming year where and where NOT to go. Thank You that where You send us, beyond whatever gates they may be, You have given us the territory and we praise You for protecting us within our gates – we thank You for showing us many wonderful things this year as we follow You and Lord – thank You that we can feel at home within the protected gates that You physically and spiritually put in place for us. Lord show us the significance of where You have us each day – so that we can claim victory for Your glory and push back the forces of darkness – I pray victory over each and every person reading this today that You will open the gates of our eyes, ears, mouths, and minds for Your purposes – in becoming more like You . We trust You Lord and thank You for every opportunity You give us today in Jesus name, may we be found faithful as well. Amen.

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