

IS YOUR GATE OPEN FOR GOD? OCT 21, 2018

Psalm 24:9

Lift up your heads, O you gates, And lift them up, O ancient doors, That the King of glory may come in!

Psalm 119:130 says “The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.”

Deutro 30:

¹⁵ See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction.

God gives us the option to choose to or not to keep our gate open for Him.

As many as open their gate, He will come in and bless them.

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Ability to keep our gate open is the key to our winning or loosing.

In 1 Sam 1, we see a woman whose family served God

- The husband Elkanah went up from his town to worship and sacrifice to the LORD Almighty at Shiloh year after year (vs 3)
- The LORD had closed her womb. (vs 5)

Hanna focused on ways to open her gate for the Lord to come in. She took it upon herself

¹⁰ In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the LORD, weeping bitterly. ¹¹ And she made a vow, saying, “LORD Almighty, if you will only look on your servant’s misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head.”

Her gate opened and God came in and blessed her.

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²⁴ After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was, along with (offering) to the house of the LORD. ²⁵ When the bull had been sacrificed, they brought the boy to Eli, ²⁶ and she said to him, “Pardon me, my lord. As surely as you live, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the LORD. ²⁷ I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him. ²⁸ **So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD.” And he worshiped the LORD there.**

1 Sam 2: ... 2 So the LORD attended to Hannah, and she conceived and gave birth to three sons and two daughters. Meanwhile, the boy Samuel grew up in the presence of the LORD.

When her gate opened up to God, He blessed her abundantly.

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Brethren, opening our gate is in our hands.

Hanna opened her gate with prayers, a vow, fulfillment of her vow and thanksgiving.

WHY DO WE NEED TO OPEN OUR GATE?

2 Corinthians 5:4

because we do not want to be unclothed but to be clothed, so that what is mortal will be swallowed up by life.

Philippians 1:20

that I will not be put to shame in anything, but that with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body.

Deuteronomy 30:19

I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live.

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Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.
—Psalm 19:14 (KJV)

These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me you might have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world. —John 16:33 (NKJV)

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Our open gate allows God to come in.

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Brethren, it is critical that we evaluate our gate to be sure it is open for God to come in fully.

2018 PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray over the message of today. Ask God to open our eyes to areas that our gate is not open for Him.
2. Pray that KCM will continue to fulfil its mandate as “the house of prayer for all nations” (Isaiah 56:7), extending God’s love to all the nations.
3. Prayer for the Leadership of Nations and pray for elections ...
 - a. Pray against corruption and corruptive minds
 - b. Ask God to give Leaders the eyes to see where their gate is not opened to God.
 - c. Ask God to give leaders humility for service.
4. Commit Troubles/Wars in nations into God’s hands and ask God to cleanse our environments so people will freely serve God.
5. Ask God to have mercy, forgive our sins & rid our land of calamities (2 Chro 7:13-18).
6. Pray for Ministers and Missionaries to open their gate to God
7. Pray: Marriages, Children and families gate to open to God
8. Pray for Members of the fellowship – open their gate to God.
- 9 Needs in fellowship & and any special request we have not covered
10. Ask for God’s unmerited favours and grace this week and pray for next Sunday.

