

Proclaiming Your Future

The Gates Of Praise

Isaiah 60:18

- Gates are called praise in many scriptures.
 1. The reason gates are called praise is because praise opens the door for the presence of God can come in or enter.

Proverbs 18:20a

²⁰ A man's stomach shall be satisfied from the fruit of his mouth...

2. If you find someone that is satisfied with his life, it is because of his mouth.
 - This man has learned to speak the right things.

Which tells us:

- If you're not satisfied with your life, the problem is your mouth.

Proverbs 18:20b

²⁰ ...*From* the produce of his lips he shall be filled.

Proverbs 18:21

It says those who love it.

Love what?

- Death?
- Life?
- Or the tongue?

I believe it refers to the power of the tongue.

3. Literally saying, those who respect the (power) of the tongue will eat its fruit.

3 things about gates:

A. Praise opens the gates to His presence.

Psalm 100:4

Psalm 118:19

Question: How do you get to God?

Answer: Praise

Psalm 118:20-21

Psalm 22:3

- Bottom line – when we praise God, He shows up.
 - * There is the:
 - Omnipresence of God – He's everywhere
 - Inner presence of God – dwells in us, body is temple of the Holy Spirit; Holy Spirit dwells in us.
 - Manifest presence of God – where God shows up.

When you praise God, He shows up; His power comes.

4. The amount of the presence of God you experience or the depth of the presence of God you experience is determined by the amount you worship.

Proverbs 18:21

Do I have the power to create life with my tongue?

Answer: No

Truth: There is only one who has the power to create life!

So – what does it mean, death and life are in the power of the tongue?

Listen very carefully: I agreed with God.

Matthew 18:18

5. When my words agree with His Word, then its bound. It is God's Word that does the binding so my words must align with God.
6. God has life and when I speak truth, righteousness, then God who has life, shows up; that's when life manifests.
7. Our words either open gates for God or open gates for Satan to manifest.

So here it is:

The power is that you open gates for God (life) or Satan (death).

Conclusion: align your mouth with God and allow life to come into your situation.

- When you speak truth and praise, God shows up.
- When you speak lies and darkness, the prince of darkness shows up or the father of lies shows up.

Now – let's really understand Matthew 18:19

Matthew 18:19

- How do you agree – by your words

Matthew 18:19

Matthew 18:20

²⁰ For (because – reason it's going to be done) where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

8. To get the miracle, to get life, God has got to show up and when He shows up, the supernatural is present because God is supernatural.
- Whoever puts their conversation in order and praises Me, I'll do great things for them.

Second thing:

B. Praise opens the gate to His people.

- If you want to have an audience with God, you must praise Him.

Psalms 100:4

Now let me say this with no pride involved but with **God's** character:

- If you want an audience with Me – where should your **heart** be?
- If you are talking with Me and you have a judgmental, critical, hateful, mean, rude, arrogant, harsh spirit – I may stand there but you're not getting my **attention**.
- You're not going to get My **heart**.
 - If you want my attention – speak words of encouragement, kindness even if you have a **complaint**.

* Words of honor open the **hearts** of people.

Why – you're created in the **image** of God.

To come into the presence of God – **praise**

To come into the presence of others – **praise**

Proverbs 31:23 – virtuous woman

Maybe the old bird is there because this woman **honored** and spoke **well** of him until he became an **elder**.

Stop speaking **ill** of your spouse and pointing out their **wrongs** - Honor and praise

- Learn to speak the language of **praise**.

Want your children to do well?

Use the language of **praise**.

Here is a secret:

Praise brings God on the scene and God knows math.

Third thing:

C. Praise opens the gate to His power.

Isaiah 61:3 – talking about the ministry of Jesus

9. There is only one thing in the Bible that takes care of the spirit of heaviness and it is the garment of praise.

To a believer – if heaviness starts coming at you, start praising.

The spirit of heaviness leaves when we put on the garment of praise.

Hebrews 13:15

The sacrifice of praise is the fruit of our lips – speak praise.