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## CHECK THE GATE BEFORE YOU ENTER

Dear Chosen One: Today I want to speak with you regarding SEVEN different gates the Bible tells us about. As children of God, we need to take precautions and check the gate before we enter. Oftentimes, we are so preoccupied with the cares of this world that we fail to check those gates we are entering. I pray that after you read this message, you will be more aware as you enter through His gate.

Gate #1 **The Gate of Thanksgiving**: In Psalm 100:4 King David says, “Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him and bless His name.” Are you entering His gates with thanksgiving? Or are you entering worrying, complaining, focusing on what others are doing, with a negative attitude, or with a motive for something you want?

There are so many important things that want to grab your attention but when you go to the house of God or into His presence you must forget about everything and give God Thanks. It’s a sacrifice of gratitude for all He has done for you.

The next time you go through a church door or enter into God’s presence remember to give thanks and have an attitude of praise. Trust me, you will feel better even if things are the same. God is still worthy and deserves all the praise and glory.

Gate #2 **The Gate of Righteousness**: In Psalm 118:19, King David is requesting this gate to be opened. He said, “Open to me the gates of righteousness, I will go through them, and I will praise the Lord.” You need to ask the Holy Spirit to grant you access through this gate. 2 Timothy 2:22 says, “Flee also youthful lusts, but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace, with those who

**call on the name of the Lord out of a pure heart.”**

Timothy is saying, in order to live a godly life, you will have to develop godly standards. You need to start hanging out with likeminded Christians-people who are seeking God’s will for their lives and individuals who want to spiritually grow in the Lord. Yes, you may have to drop some of your carnal minded friends in order to go through the gate of righteousness. In the book of Isaiah, chapter 42:6, it says, “**I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness and will hold your hand...**”

I want you to know that you are not righteous because of anything you have done. You are blameless because of what Jesus has done and God credited that to your account. It is time to start heading in the direction of the Righteous Gate.

Gate #3 **The Gate of the Lord**: In Psalm 119:20 David talks about the Gate where the righteous may enter. God will make this gate available to anyone who wants to enter through it. Jesus says, in John 10:7, “**I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep.**” As you know, we are considered as the sheep and Jesus is our Shepherd. You must desire to enter through this gate. No one can pray you through, sneak you through, push you through, or drag you through-No! You have to walk in on your own free will. When you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, the Holy Spirit will give you access to enter the Gate of the Lord.

Gate #4 **The Temple Gate aka Beautiful Gate**: In Acts 3:2, A man crippled from birth received his healing outside of this gate. Today, the church is referred to as the Beautiful Gate. When Christians come through this gate, they are entering a sacred place to worship, pray, listen to the Word of God and

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gather to fellowship with each other. Miracles take place beyond this gate; prayers get answered and healing manifests when the Body of Christ unites as one beyond the Beautiful Gate. Make sure you come often!

Gate #5 **The Narrow Gate**: In the Gospel of Matthew 7:13a, Jesus says, “**Enter by the narrow gate...**” This is sound advice. The road that leads to the Narrow Gate is not popular or crowded, it could get lonely, and it looks long; it has rules for us to obey, there is no shortcut to this gate, and you cannot carry any excess baggage through this gate. The Narrow gate may be difficult to enter, but it comes highly recommended by Jesus, so it is worth it. Therefore, if you are determined to gain access, the Holy Spirit will help you because He is a Way Maker, and this gate also leads to eternal life.

Gate #6 **The Broad Gate**: In Matthew 7:13b Jesus warns us about the broad gate, He said, “**For wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.**” People of God avoid this gate at all times. Turn around if you find yourself heading towards it as it is very crowded, but it is a death trap that leads to destruction. Many people who are traveling towards this gate don’t know that they have been deceived and there is no way of escape once they entered through this gate. This gate has a big Welcome Sign but in small print it reads, death, destruction, confusion, trouble, and enter at your own risk. This gate looks appealing, but it’s not worth going through. **Take Heed!**

Gate #7 **The Gate of Hell**: In Matthew 16:18 Jesus spoke these words to Peter “**You are the rock (foundation/revelation) and upon this Rock I will build My church, and the gates of hades/hell shall not prevail against it.**” For generations, Satan has launched his attack on God’s children. Hell was made for the devil and his demons. However, if the devil could get some of God’s people to reject God and sin against Him, then Satan knows on judgement day these individuals will spend eternity separated from God. Hell is a real place and God doesn’t want anyone to go there. You have the choice to choose

where you will spend eternity. No one can send you to hell, no one can take you into hell, curse you to hell, or help you escape from hell if you go there. If you reject Jesus Christ as your Savior, then you have chosen to spend eternity separated from Him. When a person refuses to acknowledge what Jesus has done for him/her on the Cross and that person rejects God’s free gift of Salvation, it was that person’s choice to walk through the gate that leads to hell and destruction. I pray that after reading this message you will choose which gate you want to go through. May the Holy Spirit lead, guide and direct you as you journey down the path of life. Check the sign over the gate before you enter. Love and Peace be with you.

### **A Special Mother’s Day Prayer**

**Dear Lord let “Mothers” not venture forth if You would have them stay. May all they do be done for you in your own time and way.**

**Rid their hearts of vain desires, save those which lead to you, never find them guilty of any act that is not good and true.**

**Permit Mothers not to be disturbed by that which soon will pass, and may it be your face they’ll see within their looking glass.**

**Rid Mothers of all distractions that threaten inner peace, calm the storm within their soul, and bid the thunder cease.**

**Lord, press your will against all Mother’s will, till only yours remain.**

**Teach them to welcome all you send, the pleasure and the pain. Fill all Mothers’ hearts with an inner fire consuming with its glow and make the Words “Thy will be done.” The only words All Mothers know.**



**To All The Mothers, Godmothers, Surrogate Mothers, Adopted Mothers, And Grandmothers Who Are In Incarcerated!!**

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