

# A HOUSE THAT GRACE BUILT

Chapter 16: Honoring the Gates of Glory

## REBUILDING GATES

- Understanding Gate Systems
- The principle of honor
- Opening/closing of gates
- Love gives, it doesn't protect

## ASSESSING OUR GATES

- Holiest of Holies – the priority of separation
- Anything we bring or use to replace God-given needs will taint this sacred space in our heart
- The bait of Satan often comes to us in subtle and seemingly innocent ways.
- It feeds off our legitimate needs, but actually offers alternatives to being satisfied with God

## A REMINDER OF OUR TRUE NEEDS

- ***A deep desire for love.*** That deep and profound place in our hearts that can only be satisfied and fulfilled by agape love.
- ***A longing for acceptance.*** Desiring acceptance is actually a primary spiritual need where we are “accepted in the Beloved.”
- ***A sense of security and safety.*** The perils and terrors of this world make us feel vulnerable and unsafe in our daily lives. Therefore, we are constantly looking for a place of safety. God is the spiritual place of safety (read Psalm 91).
- ***A need for purpose and usefulness.*** We are born with a desire to be something and accomplish something of purpose. This is first and foremost a desire that God implanted into our hearts so we could fulfill the work He created for us to accomplish. “For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so



## WHAT GOD GIVES

- His resources – His space is like a warehouse with everything we need to live this life on earth and fulfill our destiny
- A spiritual spa – His space is like a cleansing, redeeming and perfecting agent to our heart – we bring our dirt and receive His cleansing power.
- His wisdom - His space is like a control room that houses our destiny. He allows us to make choices.

## WHAT GOD DOES NOT SHARE

- We cannot share God's glory
- We cannot share in the worship of God
- We cannot share in the decision-making of God
- **We cannot share the judgement/punishment or perspective of who other people are.**

## WHAT WE GIVE GOD

- Obedience – we submit to God’s ways
- Respect – we honor God’s position
- Repentance - We humbly acknowledge our sin and shortcomings
- Our praise – We worship and glorify our God
- Gratitude – We thank Him
- OUR SELF – No covering – we bring our true selves