

MIPHKAD GATE

- I. Neh 3:31 After him Malchijah, one of the goldsmiths, made repairs as far as the house of the Nethinim and of the merchants, in front of the **Miphkad Gate**, and as far as the upper room at the corner.
- A. There were twelve gates within the walls of Jerusalem & Each gate has a prophetic picture:
1. **First** the gates of the City of God are a **prophetic picture of Jesus**:
 - a. Jesus said in: John 10:7 “I am the door (gate) of the sheep.”
 2. **Secondly**: the gates of the City of God are a prophetic picture of **ministries** that Have become hung / come into operation within the walls of the local church

II. Today I want to speak to you about the **Miphkad Gate**.

A. **Def. Miphkad:**

1. assignment, appointment, mandate, census, count

B. At this point I want to deal with the application of the first part of the definition of the Miphkad Gate and it's **prophetic picture**:

1. The Miphkad gate is a prophetic picture of your:
 - a. **(Def)** assignment, appointment, mandate from God for your life
2. If you read Nehemiah Chapter three, you will discover that the bible lists the names of the individuals and families who hung each gate within the walls of Jerusalem
 - a. This is also a prophetic picture of **individual believers and families** within the local church
 - (1) **accepting and fulfilling their assignment, their appointment, mandate**
The call of God that rests upon the life of every believer by hanging a gate / Enabling a ministry to become functional within the walls of the local church
 - (a) So that thru their ministry / the gate they have hung within the local church
 - (1) people may have a gateway by which they can hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ & receive ministry that sets them free and develops their walk with God

III. As **Believers**:

As The **Priesthood** of God according to 1 Pet 2:5 & 9

As **Ministers** according to Isa 61:6

Do we understand our responsibility and value in regards to Hang gates, developing ministries that function within the local church & thru the local church in the world in which we live that in turn touches the lives of people:

- A. Do we have a revelation from God that you are on **DIVINE ASSIGNMENT**:
1. You must understand that there are various aspects of your Divine Assignment:
 - This Divine Assignment includes:
 - a. Marrying the person God has ordained to be your spouse
 - b. Being led by The Holy Spirit in preparing yourself for your future, by choosing the proper field of education
 - c. Then coming into the Career that God has destined for you to work in:
 - (1) This is always a process.... First working lesser type jobs ... that many times Are a part of your preparation and maturing ... before coming into the Career God has ordained you work in:
 - (a) Not only to meet your needs
 - (b) But to be a blessing to that company & your boss
 - (1) being that witness, salt & light
 - d. And then there is the Divine Assignment of your ministry God has ordained that you labor in ... in His Kingdom to help Build the Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ
 - (1) Both the Local Church
 - (2) and the Universal Church Which includes the Body of Christ beyond the Four walls of our local church & throughout the world
 2. In order for all of this to take place First you must understand that: **You are called to ministry**:
 - a. 1 Cor 1:26 For you **see your calling**, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called.
 - (1) Have your spiritual eyes been opened to where you see, know & are functioning in your ministry?
 - (2) Are you living and walking in the Spirit according to Gal 5:25 so you can See & discern your calling?
 - (a) Or have your eyes become blinded because of living in:
 - (1) carnality 1 Cor 3:3
 - (2) walking in the flesh / in their lusts & sin Jude vs 16
 - (3) in a lukewarm spiritual condition Rev 3:16
 - (a) If that is you I Pray today you answer your call to salvation
 - (b) or as a believer I pray that quit living a life centered self and obey the Commandment of Jesus Christ:
 - (1) Matt 16:24 "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.
 - b. We need not let fear & low self esteem stop us from answering our calling:
 - (1) because we have no excuses for not functioning in & fulfilling our call / Ministry ... Both within the church and in the world which is the harvest

field according to Matt 13:38

(2) because the word of God states that: Not many wise are called ... not many mighty & noble are called by God & anointed in the Holy Spirit to labor in the Kingdom of God:

(a) 1 Cor 1:27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;
28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are,
29 that no flesh should glory in His presence.

(b) our ministry is not accomplished with the wisdom, might & prestige of man

(1) Rather it is accomplished by the **power of God**: Zech 4:6 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the Lord of hosts.

(2) Ministry is accomplished by: Col 1:27 "**Christ in you**, the hope of glory"

b. Every believer has a ministry that is to contribute to building the one and only thing Jesus said He would build: Matt 16:18 "**I will build My church**,"

(1) Eph 4:16 "from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what **Every joint supplies**, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

(a) **Def supplies**: to make contribution

(2) when every joint supplies / when every believer contributes by fulfilling their ministry / Hanging a gate within the walls of the local church:

(a) then the church **grows**: "according to the effective working by which every Part does its share, **causes growth of the body**" **The local church**

(1) souls are saved, the needs of people are met, captives are set free, people

Come into the local church and become a part of the Family of God

3. Secondly: **you are anointed & equipped for ministry**:

a. 1 John 2:20 "But you have an **anointing** from the Holy One,"

(1) According to: Isa 10:27 "And the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil."

(a) Do you have any oil in your lamp according to Matt 25?

(1) if so within you is the anointing oil that breaks the yoke of bondage
Not just in your own life, but in the lives of those held captive by the devil

(a) we are to be casting out devils Matt 16:17

(b) laying hands on the sick Mk 16:18

© prophesying the Word of the Lord 1 Cor 14:31 & 39

(d) witnessing to the lost Acts 1:8

b. Rom 12:6 “Having then **gifts** differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them:”

(1) are you obeying the command found in 2 Tim 1:6 “I remind you to **stir up the gift** of God which is in you”

(a) & hang a gate / thru your gifting contributing to a ministry becoming Functional within the walls of the local church

c. 1 Cor 12:7 “But the **manifestation** of the Spirit (gifts of the Holy Spirit) is **given to each one** for the profit of all:

d. Maybe you mistakenly thought that it was the Pastors job to hang all the gates\ do all the work of the ministry within the local church:....no... that is your job

(1) Eph 4:11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,
12 for the **equipping of the saints for the work of ministry**, for the edifying Of the body of Christ,

(a) The Pastor’s job is to equip you / train you to become functional / to Equip the saints for the work of the ministry

(1) not just attend church

4. The **Goldsmiths** built the Miphkad Gate

Neh 3:31 After him Malchijah, one of the **goldsmiths**, made repairs as far as the house of the Nethinim and of the merchants, in front of the Miphkad Gate, and as far as the upper room at the corner.

32 And between the upper room at the corner, as far as the Sheep Gate, the **goldsmiths** and the merchants made repairs.

a. Goldsmiths were skilled in their work

(1) when you work with gold, you do not do half hearted, sloppy work

(2) Goldsmiths did their work with **excellence**

c. Jesus is an example for every believer to do their ministry with excellence:

(1) Heb 8:6 But now He has obtained a more **excellent ministry**, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.

(a) **Def Excellent**: surpassing

(2) Amp Trans: Heb 8:6 But as it now is, He [Christ] has acquired a [priestly] ministry which is as much superior and more excellent [than the old] as the covenant (the agreement) of which He is the Mediator (the Arbiter, Agent) is superior and more excellent, [because] it is enacted and rests upon more important (sublimier, higher, and nobler) promises

(a) Jesus did not preach half heartedly

(1) Jesus gave us a better covenant & better promises

- (b) Jesus cast out devils & heal the sick because He gave people God's best
The Lord had to offer
- © Jesus did not shed His Blood without passion He did it with surpassing
love
- (d) Jesus did not rise from the dead with a half hearted effort ... he did it with
Excellence
- d. We are to be God's goldsmith's today ... hanging a Gate within the walls of
the church thru a ministry of excellence:
 - (1) not half heartedly doing your ministry
 - (2) not showing up at the last minute, unprepared, & hoping for the best
 - (3) Rather doing our ministry like a Goldsmith ... Like Jesus with excellence
 - (a) Giving our all ... giving our best ... putting all of our heart into it, so that
The people we minister to can receive God's best
 - (4) When we hang our gate of ministry don't just keep doing the same old thing
... or singing the same old song because we are familiar with it & it takes no
effort on our part
 - (a) Rather flow in a fresh anointing
 - (b) move in a fresh revelation that is relevant to touching peoples lives today
Because you are willing to follow God's cloud of glory as it moves
 - (1) Which will keep your gate, keep your ministry in tune with what God is
Doing today

B. This is where part of your Divine Assignment comes into play:

1. We each **must recognize & then commit to our Divine Assignment:**

a. 1 Cor 7:20 Let each one **remain in** the same calling in which he was called.

(1) "remain in the same calling"

(1) **Def remain:** abide, to stay, to continue, to endure

(a) have you laid down / abandoned your calling ... ministry .. due to:

(1) spiritual warfare, lack of commitment, caught up in cares of life

(2) if so understand that within the walls of the local church a gate has not
Been hung in a breach in the spiritual walls of the church due to an unhung
Gate

(3) resulting in a ministry not fully functioning within the church and people
Adults, youth, children not receiving needed ministry

b. You will discover that your Divine Assignment also includes discerning,
recognizing the church Jesus Christ has called you to

(1) 1 Cor 12:18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the
body, as it hath pleased him.

2. Col 4:17 "**Take heed to the ministry** which you have received in the Lord, that

you may **fulfill it.**"

- a. We are told to take heed to our ministry & to fulfill our ministry
 - (1) **Def Heed**: pay attention, have regard
 - (a) how much attention do you give toward your ministry?
 - (b) where is your ministry at in regards to your priorities in life?
3. The Holy Spirit even speaks to the leadership within a local church in:
 - a. Acts 20:28 Therefore **take heed** to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.
 - (1) Cannot just have a title, a ministry position in the church and not fulfill The responsibilities of that ministry
 - (2) Even when it comes to selecting leadership in the church ... it is not hard To see who is ready to fulfill that responsibility:
 - (a) Just look and see who is taking heed to their ministry ... who is making Themselves available to serve
 - (b) who is paying attention and regards the call of God upon their life and has Moved their call to ministry high on their priority list
 - © who is taking heed:
 - (1) to their own life: living holy & being a godly example, faithful in their Responsibilities in life
 - (2) as well as taking heed to the flock / congregation Watching over their Souls, helping them overcome the battles they face in life
 - (a) I am speaking about hanging the Miphkad Gate that is to have your name & the name of your family upon it

IV. **Last part** of the Definition of the **Miphkad Gate: Def:** census, count, numbering

A. The Miphkad gate speaks of:

1. giving an account of **the life you lived**
 - a. 1. Rom 14:10 **For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.**
 - 11 For it is written: "As I live, says the Lord, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God."
 - 12 So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.
2. 2 Cor 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.
3. The Miphkad Gate speaks of **giving an account of our:**
 - a. calling, gifts, talent & anointing
 - b. giving an account of your stewardship of our finances, tithes & offerings
 - c. the family, home marriage God has given you

(1) 1 Cor 3:13 each one's **work** will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.

14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.

15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

(a) Note at the judgment seat of Christ we will give an account of our "**works**"

B. The Miphkad Gate was the last gate built in the walls of Jerusalem and is a prophetic picture of the believer **appearing before the Judgment Seat of Christ**,

1. This is not the **Great White throne judgment** where the unsaved, those never born again & backsliders who turned away from Jesus are judge and sent to an eternity in hell

a. This is the Judgment seat of Christ, where every **Born Again Believer** will stand before Jesus, who shed His blood for our salvation And we will give an account to Him for their works:

C. Lets take a moment and examine our heart:

1. **First:** Am I Saved ... Born Again ... repented of my sins?

a. If not you need to give your life to Jesus today

2. **Secondly:** Have I back slid ... turned away from Jesus

a. if so, time to turn from your worldly ways & come home to Jesus

3. **Third:** You are Born Again, but lost your first love and you have I become lukewarm in my walk with God

a. slacked up on my prayer life, study of word, missing church frequently and making excuses to justify your lukewarm heart

4. **Fourth:** None of those things I just mentioned are issues in your life, you love Jesus, but have failed to hang the Miphkad gate here at: _____

a. and have not been faithful with your ministry, gifts, talents, anointing

b. But today you have determined that when you stand before Jesus ... you will hear him say to you:

(1) Matt 25:20 "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.'

21 His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

(a) will those be the words that Jesus speaks to you?

(b) Because you have a passion for God to use you for His glory

- © because you have committed to build the one thing Jesus said He would build: His Church And you are determined to hang a gate in the walls of the church ...
- (d) build a ministry hang a gate
- (a) By which people can be minister to
- (b) a ministry that will be a gateway to help bring people into the Kingdom Of God
- © and become a part of the family of God in a local church