

## The Gate Called Beautiful

Ex. 27:16  
Heb. 9:11  
Song of Sol. 3:7

This video depicts people going into a McDonald's restaurant to purchase food because they are hungry; but they clearly have brought relational baggage with them. They came to eat but with an attitude that disturbs the entire restaurant. And so it is when people go to church to eat the Word of God.

- Our attitude towards ourselves and towards God will determine how we eat from the McDonald's restaurant word called the Church.
  - In fact, my attitude and approach towards God affects my attitude towards you.
  - Our relational love for each other is determined by our attitudes towards God's Spirit and God's Word.
- A. So in our opening text, Song of Solomon, 3:7, this reveals the word picture of a traveling Palanquin Bed. This Bed represents your daily relationship in prayer with Jesus Christ.
- B. It's the place we must practice to run to in times of trouble, fear, and hurt.
- C. This place determines your relational attitude with all people. It's a place we learn the love of Jesus for ourselves.
- D. We read in Hebrews 9:11 where Christ is the true Tabernacle of Moses. In other words, the entire Tabernacle of Moses is the Palanquin Bed.
- E. It teaches you and me how to receive and practice relational love. Without the Palanquin Bed of Jesus Christ we cannot demonstrate healthy, Christ like relational love. I must go back to it every day to renew and replenish my love to His superior love.
- F. Without the Palanquin Bed of daily prayer, I became like the customers at McDonald's, bringing in relationship baggage. That is volatile in the church restaurant when it's time to eat the Word. Look back at Ex. 27:16.

This is called the Tabernacle Entrance

- A. Now we are still in Solomon's bridal car called prayer.
- B. But Christ who is a better Tabernacle represents the Gate of the Tabernacle. For John 10:9 says Jesus is the door or Jesus is the gate or entrance to this bridal car.
- C. In other words, this gate had 4 pillars, all representing the attitude we should practice having before we go into consecration relationship with God.
- D. The four posts represent
1. To know God
  2. To become like God
  3. To be used by God
  4. To receive money and wealth from God

We call these four posts, the 4 levels of wealth or attitudes we need to have before we go into the spiritual McDonald's to eat.

- E. The gate represents the entrance attitude for thanksgiving and praise.
- F. Too, after I have struggled with human relationships because my attitude was not prepared properly at the gate of thanksgiving. This causes me not to enjoy the Palanquin Bed or the preached Word of God. All because, like the McDonald's customer my attitude was affected by the relationship struggles of human love.

- G. Because 1 John 4:20 says whoever claims to love God yet hates his brother or sister whom they have seen cannot love God whom they have not seen.
- H. Matthew 25:40 also, asserts, in as much as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me.
- I. So, Jesus is the gate. He's the Palanquin Bed. Jesus is the greater Tabernacle and before you get into the real intimacy you need to go through the gate of Thanksgiving, look at Acts 3:1-2.

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- 1) This gate represents the entrance to the Palanquin Bed Tabernacle.
- 2) The beggar represents people ready to go into intimacy with Jesus.
- 3) But because their relational love has been wounded, offended, and discouraged. They've become spiritual beggars at the McDonald's spiritual restaurant.
- 4) He was not only a beggar but a cripple from birth. He sought charitable gifts from others.
- 5) The Apostle Peter speaks the Word of Faith over this man causing him to rise in vs. 5-8 (Acts 3)
  - The man in vs. 5 changed his McDonald's beggarly low self-esteem attitude and believed in this love Peter showed him.
  - He now could not get up in his attitude and walk into the gates of thanksgiving and praise.
  - All his life being crippled this man thought it was a way of life to have a crippling beggars mentality. This is why he could not enter his gates with thanksgiving and praise.
  - When I cannot enter the gates of intimacy with Jesus I experience crippling praise and beggarly worship.
  - He trusted the man of God believe his attitude had to change in order to experience the joy, the strength, and the healing of praise and worship.
  - Because a crippling beggar is someone who tries to approach song service worship or morning consecration holding onto their fears and their self-centeredness. This causes problems with relational love.
  - The crippling beggar depends on other relationships to make them happy and satisfied before Jesus, the Gate of praise.
  - The beggar at the Gate called Beautiful held onto his issues while going to eat at McDonald's.
  - This is what Cain did in Genesis and ended up killing Abel, his brother.
  - So, for all his life he came to the gates of praise and never really experienced the power and intimacy of God's love, through worship and praise until he changed his attitude in Acts 3:5. He now could walk in faith, for faith walketh by love.

Read Ezekiel 46:2

Read Ps. 9:14

Read Ps. 118:17-24

Read Isaiah 60:18 – There's some violence involved with my attitude and flesh in preparing for thanksgiving and praise because God is training our attitude to come into His restaurant, giving Him our relational baggage's so we can enjoy the Palanquin Bed.

We have to take a harder look at our approach to praise and worship because of:

- 1) Dimensional shifts going on in our lives right now
- 2) Because of the testing of our identities by the temptations of the flesh.
- 3) Because of how we react to the correction of God through hard lessons. Ex. – I launched out at Br. Cupit and my wife for things too painful to look at. So I kept repeating same mistakes.

4) Peter told the man focus on me and rise and walk.  
Because God wants you to seek the levels of wealth at the gate.

This Palanquin Bed through the Gate called Beautiful releases a power in our praise when we choose to get rid of the beggars crippling attitude.

Hope is how praise and worship is supposed to look.

Read Acts 2:7-11

Here's what the gates of praise look like.

What's your attitude like at the Gate called Beautiful?

- Like the beggarly crippled I am supposed to experience love and joy entering His Gates with thanksgiving and praise. Then I can love relationally in a Christ like way.

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