



WORD BREAK

040 – REPAIRING THE RESERVOIR (Part2)

Dear Child of God,

Welcome to “WORD BREAK” #40, which is designed to give you a nugget from God’s Word to strengthen your daily walk.

In Nehemiah each gate was repaired, then the wall that connected the previous gate to the next gate was constructed. After that section of the wall was rebuilt, the next gate was then constructed. This process continued until every gate and wall was completely restored, and the city was secure.

While considering this passage as a type of God’s complete restoration of the “End Time Church”, I believe you will become encouraged, strengthened, and “Leak Proof” to hold the level of God’s Glory and Power He has for us in these “Last Days.” Keep your expectancy high, as we move into this powerful study.

As we take a look at each of these gates being rebuilt, **consider where you are personally first; then, consider where the whole “Body of Christ” is collectively.**

I firmly believe all of these **Gates** must be completely repaired for the **“Church”** to be all God said it would be.

GATE #1 — THE SHEEP GATE

Nehemiah 3:1 tells us this.

“Then Eliashib the high priest and the other priests started to rebuild at the Sheep Gate.” (NLT)

The **SHEEP GATE** repaired speaks of the many sheep that are hurt, wounded, and in disarray.

Let’s take a look at Matthew 9:36.

“And seeing the multitudes, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and downcast like sheep without a shepherd.” (NASB)

The health of the sheep is directly related to true God called shepherds leading the Lord’s sheep.

God speaks a strong word in Jeremiah 23:1-4 concerning care-less shepherds.

“1 What sorrow awaits the leaders of my people—the shepherds of my sheep—for they have destroyed and scattered the very ones they were expected to care for,” says the LORD .

*2 Therefore, this is what the LORD , the God of Israel, says to these shepherds: “Instead of caring for my flock and leading them to safety, you have deserted them and driven them to destruction. Now I will pour out judgment on you for the evil you have done to them. 3 But I will gather together the remnant of my flock from the countries where I have driven them. I will bring them back to their own sheepfold, and they will be fruitful and increase in number. 4 **Then I will appoint responsible shepherds who will care for them, and they will never be afraid again. Not a single one will be lost or missing. I, the LORD have spoken!**” (NLT)*

Listen to the powerful dialogue our resurrected Lord had with Peter before His ascension in John 21:15-17.

*“15 After breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Master, you know I love you.” Jesus said, “**Feed my lambs.**”*

*16 He then asked a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” “Yes, Master, you know I love you.” Jesus said, “**Shepherd my sheep.**”*

*17 Then he said it a third time: “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was upset that he asked for the third time, “Do you love me?” so he answered, “Master, you know everything there is to know. You’ve got to know that I love you.” Jesus said, “**Feed my sheep.**” (THE MESSAGE)*

I believe the day and age of the so-called “Professional Preacher” (The Hireling), is coming to an end. Jesus said in John 10:12-13,

“12 A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don’t belong to him and he isn’t their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock. 13 The hired hand runs away because he’s working only for the money and doesn’t really care about the sheep.” (NLT)

Praise God! The Lord is raising up true shepherds in these last days, who will **feed, lead, tend, strengthen, and protect the sheep.**

We will pick up here next time.

Thank you for joining me for this edition of “WORD BREAK”. See you this Sunday!

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