

The Calling Forth of the Conquering Gatekeepers!

Genesis 22: 14-19

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Scripture

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¹⁴ *And Abraham called the name of the place, The-Lord-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "in the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided."*

¹⁵ *Then the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time out of heaven,*

¹⁶ *and said: "By myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this things, and have not withheld your son, your only son-*

¹⁷ *blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is in the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.*

¹⁸ *In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice"*

¹⁹ *So Abraham returned to his young men, and they rose and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.*

Introduction

- **God is now calling forth conquering gatekeepers!**
- **In Genesis God created everything well, He took the initiative and told creation what to do, but never forced His leadership on His chosen ones**
 - **Each time His chosen ones fell, He picked them up and gave them the instructions again**
 - **Forever, with relentless, redeeming love, God pursues the plan of redeeming man**
 - **We can't escape His love**
 - **Humankind was created by God to lead and to rule**
 - **Only valid within the context of God's leading**
 - **Everybody leads, and everybody follows someone**
 - **Live life knowing that you are being followed**
 - **Be careful, and investigate who you will follow**
 - **Leaders must learn to adjust their plans while tenaciously sticking to their God-given vision**
 - **Flexible obedience!**
 - **The plan of God remains the same today, as it was in Genesis!**
 - **God desires to have a continual, intimate fellowship with His creation!**
 - **He also wants His creature, created in His image and likeness, to have dominion over the fish of the sea, the fowl of the air, the beast of the field and everything that creeps!**
 - **If anything has dominion over you...check your fellowship with God**
 - **Everyday, God declares His power and love through creation!**
 - **God is showing His glory through everything; nothing can be against us when God is for us! (Romans 8: 31)**
 - **God allows us to be in situations to demonstrate His power...to show that there is no god beside Him!**
 - **II Peter 1: 3-4**
 - **Through God's redeeming plan and the simple truths, He has liberated us forever**
 - **If you are a courageous gatekeeper, you must Know, Study and Live by divine instructions**
 - **When you begin to take on the nature of God, you know that you are living by Divine Instructions**

- **Gatekeeper: one who is in charge of the passage through a gate; monitors and oversees others; controls access to something; decides whether a message will be distributed to mass media; supervises traffic flowing through a gate, door or opening**
- **Since creation and the fall of Adam, man has been moving further and further away from being courageous gatekeepers**
 - **Genesis 4 (flesh confrontation between Cain and Abel)**
 - **Genesis 6 (spiritual confrontation when sons of God went in to the daughters of men)**
 - **Exodus 32 (creating of a false god because of a divine delay)**
 - **When we give up the responsibility of gatekeeping, all sorts of evil and sin enter in**
- **Ezekiel 22: 30-31...God is looking for someone that would stand in the gap...for a courageous, conquering gatekeeper...but there were none**
 - **This moment mandates that conquering gatekeepers rise up and stand in the gap!**
- **Gatekeepers...God's anointed super-breed!**
 - **Selfless living**
 - **Seer and knower**
 - **Servants possessing the humility to walk with kings**
 - **Gatekeepers are those who will do for those who aren't doing, will make ways who can't make ways for those can't make ways for themselves; holding the gates for those who haven't yet held the gate until they are ready to be the newly assigned gatekeepers**

Point of Application 1

Genesis 22: 14

Gatekeepers boldly call things by their Godly-assigned purpose!

- We need to be aggressive...meeting aggression with aggression...by staying on our knees praying until God said it was accomplished
- Devilish hate must be met with unswerving love that cannot be conquered (I Corinthians 13: 8)

Point of Application 2

Genesis 22: 15, 17-18

Gatekeepers keep pursuing until they find agreement in heaven and earth!

- Get agreement from God first...don't let the earth confuse what He has said...call earth into alignment with what He said
- We need to write what God said around our waists
- Keep pursuing what God said until you hear "well done, thou good and faithful servant"!

Point of Application 3

Genesis 22: 17-19

Gatekeepers cover the gates with a high praise and a two-edged sword!

- Nehemiah 4: 15-18...keep the sword with you as you work
- Turn up the praise!
- Psalm 149: 6-9
- Beersheba...the well of oath...the place beyond Rehobeth: the Lord makes room for us...God will keep his oath after making room for us