

**June 16, 2024**

*Build Up Our Gates: Humility and Repentance*

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**Nehemiah 3:13-14, Mark 9:43-48**

**Old Gate: Review**

We must continue to live by, stand for, and share with others absolute, biblical truth in a time when "truth" is becoming increasingly subjective and relative.

**Overall Theme:**

God is a God who \_\_\_\_\_. He heals us in the valleys and heals us through repentance.

**Build Up Your Gates**

Valley Gate (humility)

- ✓ Valleys are where battles are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ Valleys are where things \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ The valley gate reminds us of humility and brokenness, and reveals the sin in our life

Dung Gate (repentance)

- ✓ We must deal \_\_\_\_\_ with sin because heaven and hell hangs in the balance
- ✓ We need to \_\_\_\_\_ with God about sin
- ✓ The Christian life is not about \_\_\_\_\_, it is about \_\_\_\_\_. The more we pursue holiness, the more we will experience true happiness.
- ✓ Holiness is both a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ The dung gate is a place of repentance, cleansing, and purifying from our sins

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### **Sermon Talks**

1. What caught your attention in this week's message? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. What are some of the ways God has ministered to you when you were in the valleys of life?
3. Valleys are places where battles are fought and won and where things grow. How can that be encouraging to us when we are at low points in our lives?
4. How has the Lord helped you to deal seriously with personal sin?
5. Read Psalm 32:1-5 and 1 Peter 1:14-16. What do these verses say about sin, the forgiveness of sin, and holiness?
6. How do you think most people view hell? A reality, a possibility, or a myth?
7. Read 2 Peter 3:10-12. What are ways that you can be intentional about living your life with an eternal perspective?
8. Read and pray over Psalm 51:1-17. Continue to pursue a life of holiness.

**Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (Nehemiah 3:13-14 and Mark 9:43-48) and this week's message.**

**Adoration:** What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

**Confession:** What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

**Thanksgiving:** What can I thank God for in light of what he has done?

**Supplication:** What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?