In 2008, the Lord gave us this teaching on the Gatekeepers ministry for the Body of Christ. Recently, as Love Ministries was preparing to take an Apostolic ministry team to Honduras, the Lord quickened us to represent this ministry for the training and equipping of the gatekeepers and intercessors that were assigned to this mission. There were many of you who requested that we post this teaching. This teaching includes Biblical definitions and references taken from the PC Bible Study series resources; Scriptural references and the teaching on the gatekeeper’s ministry. In addition, there is a “high alert” teaching that instructs and equips the watchmen/gatekeepers as they minister in their designated spheres. There is an audio to accompany this teaching upon request.

Biblically Defined:

**GATEKEEPER** (Heb. sho`er, from sha`ar, a “gate”; Grk. thuroros; "porter,” KJV)  As used in the KJV, porter has always the sense of doorkeeper, or gatekeeper, the term used in the NASB and NIV. In the later books of the OT, written after the building of the Temple, the term is applied to the Levites who had charge of the various entrances (1 Chron 9:17; 15:18; 2 Chron 23:19). In 1 Chron 15:23-24, the KJV and NIV render “doorkeeper” ("gatekeeper,” NASB) and in John 18:17 there is reference to the “slave girl . . . who kept the door.” In 2 Sam 18:26; 2 Kings 7:10-11, we meet the keeper of the city gates (cf. Acts 17:13); and a gatekeeper seems to have been usually stationed at the doors of sheepfolds. The gatekeepers of the Temple, who were guards as well, numbered 4,000 in David's time (1 Chron 23:5), were divided into divisions (26:1-19), and had their posts assigned them by lot (v. 13). They entered upon their service on the Sabbath day and remained a week (2 Kings 11:5-7; those mentioned in vv. 4, 10-11 are probably the king's bodyguard).

**WATCH**
1. The rendering of some form of the Heb. shamar (to “protect”) and may mean a day or night watch; thus there was a guard of the king's house (2 Kings 11:5-7) and in Jerusalem under Nehemiah (Neh 4:9; 7:3). The Jews, like the Greeks and Romans, divided the night into military watches instead of hours, each watch representing the period for which sentinels or pickets remained on duty. Thus we read of “a watch in the night” (Ps 90:4). The proper Jewish reckoning recognized only three such watches, entitled the first or “beginning of the night watches” (Lam 2:19), the middle watch (Judg 7:19), and the morning watch (Ex 14:24; 1 Sam 11:11). Those would last respectively from sunset to 10:00 P.M.; from 10:00 P.M. to 2:00 A.M.; and from 2:00 A.M. to sunrise. Subsequent to the establishment of the Roman supremacy, the number of watches was increased to four, which were described either according to their numerical order, as in the case of the “fourth watch” (Matt 14:25), Grk. phulake), or by the terms "evening," "midnight," "cockcrowing," and "morning" (Mark 13:35). These terminated respectively at 9:00 P.M., midnight, 3:00 A.M., and 6:00 A.M.

2. Heb. shaqad (to "be alert") is to be wakeful, and so watchful, either for good (Jer 31:28; 51:12, see marg.) or evil (Isa 29:20, see marg.).

3. Grk. gregoreo means to "keep awake, to watch," and so to take heed, lest through remissiveness and indolence one be led to forsake Christ (Matt 26:41; Mark 14:38).

4. A Roman sentry, one of the soldiers who guarded the tomb of the Lord (Matt 27:65-66). Grk. koustodia; "Watch," KJV.

5. Grk. nepho (to "abstain from wine, be sober") is used in the NT figuratively, to "be calm and collected in spirit; to be temperate, dispassionate, circumspect” (1 Thess 5:6; 2 Tim 4:5).
Let's Look at the Word

1 Chronicles 9:22-33
22 Altogether, those chosen to be gatekeepers at the thresholds numbered 212. They were registered by genealogy in their villages. The gatekeepers had been assigned to their positions of trust by David and Samuel the seer. 23 They and their descendants were in charge of guarding the gates of the house of the LORD—the house called the Tent. 24 The gatekeepers were on the four sides: east, west, north and south. 25 Their brothers in their villages had to come from time to time and share their duties for seven-day periods. 26 But the four principal gatekeepers, who were Levites, were entrusted with the responsibility for the rooms and treasuries in the house of God. 27 They would spend the night stationed around the house of God, because they had to guard it; and they had charge of the key for opening it each morning. 28 Some of them were in charge of the articles used in the temple service; they counted them when they were brought in and when they were taken out. 29 Others were assigned to take care of the furnishings and all the other articles of the sanctuary, as well as the flour and wine, and the oil, incense and spices. 30 But some of the priests took care of mixing the spices. 31 A Levite named Mattithiah, the firstborn son of Shallum the Korahite, was entrusted with the responsibility for baking the offering bread. 32 Some of their Kohathite brothers were in charge of preparing for every Sabbath the bread set out on the table. 33 Those who were musicians, heads of Levite families, stayed in the rooms of the temple and were exempt from other duties because they were responsible for the work day and night.

2 Chronicles 29:11
My sons, do not be negligent now, for the LORD has chosen you to stand before Him and serve Him, to minister before Him and to burn incense." NIV

Ezekiel 22:30
I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it,

Psalm 127
Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain. 2 In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat — for He grants sleep to those He loves. 3 Sons are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward from him. 4 Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are sons born in one's youth. 5 Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their enemies in the gate. NIV
GATEKEEPER MINISTRY

MISSION STATEMENT: Apostolic /Prophetic Intercessors with the priestly function of standing in the gap on behalf of the people of the local assembly, related ministries, cities, regions, states, and nations. -in their designated spheres of authority/influence. These intercessors are worshiping warriors who serve as “gatekeepers” in the house of God and “watchmen” on the wall to guard and keep the house and stand in the gates of the city - making intercession to see the Kingdom of God come on earth as it is in heaven.

MISSION MANDATE: To establish, activate, and advance the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in Heaven. (Matthew 6:10; Matthew 11:2; I Corinthians 4:20)

MISSION STRATEGY: Gatekeepers stand, serve, minister, and burn

Stand: as intercessors before God on behalf of the people (Ezekiel 22:30) as watchmen to guard and keep the house against the kingdom of darkness and release the light and the glory of God in the gate.

Serve: as ushers on behalf of the kingdom, to welcome the people, prepare the house for the Person, the Presence and the Power of God to be released. This carries over to mission teams and within the mission and designated spheres of authority within the nation. Land, Seed, Blessing, Gates!

Minister: first to God; second, in the house; to the people

Burn: incense - worship intercession/prayer

Gatekeepers are forerunners who prepare the house, prepare the people and prepare the way for the ministries to go forth

Gatekeepers decree and declare the rhema Word of God at the right kairos time to see the manifestation of the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven

Gatekeepers are ushers who usher in the Kingdom of God: opening the gates of heaven, welcoming and releasing the ministry of Holy Spirit and the angels of heaven.

Gatekeepers are watchman warriors who contend with the enemy in the gates

Gatekeepers spiritually map and pray over territories establishing His Kingdom before we ever enter a place; to move in the designated sphere of authority

Gatekeepers release the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ in the church, city, county, state, nation and nations as the Holy Spirit directs

Gatekeepers are instruments of reconciliation: man to God, and man to man

Gatekeepers rebuild the ancient ruins; restore the places long devastated and renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations; to raise up the age-old foundations, repair the broken walls, and restore the streets with dwellings through identificational repentance and reconciliation

Gatekeepers are catalyst for repentance, revival, restoration, and transformation

Gatekeepers have a Jeremiah anointing

Jeremiah 1:9-10

Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “Now, I have put my words in your mouth. 10 See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.” NIV
CALL TO OBEDIENCE/ WALK FREE OF OFFENSE/BE AWARE

2 Corinthians 2:9-11
9 The reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything. 10 If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, 11 in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

BE SELF-CONTROLLED/ALERT/RESIST THE ENEMY/STAND FIRM

1 Peter 5:8-9
8 Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

GUARD YOUR HEART

Proverbs 4:23-27
23 Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life. 24 Put away perversity from your mouth; keep corrupt talk far from your lips. 25 Let your eyes look straight ahead, fix your gaze directly before you. 26 Make level paths for your feet and take only ways that are firm 27 Do not swerve to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.

GUARD THE GOOD DEPOSIT/WORK WITH THE HELPER

2 Timothy 1:14
14 Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

STAY SUBMITTED TO AUTHORITY/GUARD AGAINST REBELLION/FEAR WATCH YOUR MOUTH

James 4:7
7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Ephesians 5:21
Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

1 Peter 2:13-17
13 Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, 14 or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. 15 For it is God’s will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men. 16 Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God. 17 Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.
Heb 13:17
17 Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

2 Peter 2:10-12
10 This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the sinful nature and despise authority. Bold and arrogant, these men are not afraid to slander celestial beings; 11 yet even angels, although they are stronger and more powerful, do not bring slanderous accusations against such beings in the presence of the Lord.

Jude 6
6 And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home-these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.

Jude 8-10
8 In the very same way, these dreamers pollute their own bodies, reject authority and slander celestial beings. 9 But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, “The Lord rebuke you!” 10 Yet these men speak abusively against whatever they do not understand; and what things they do understand by instinct, like unreasoning animals-these are the very things that destroy them.

GUARD AGAINST ANGER/STRIFE/DIVISION

Ephesians 4:26-27
26 “In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, 27 and do not give the devil a foothold.

Luke 11:17-18
Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will fall.

James 3:13-18
13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. 14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. 15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. 18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

GUARD AGAINST FEAR/DISCOURAGEMENT

Joshua 1:6-9
6 “Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. 7 Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. 8 Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”