

Nehemiah  
Three Gates and Some Water  
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Psalms 23:2-4 KJV

Condemnation - This soul-wrenching power can render us mentally and emotionally crippled. It wipes out a person's sense of God's peace and plays havoc on faith's underpinnings.

Nehemiah's restoration work in the wall's of Jerusalem are representative of the way the Holy Spirit begins His restorative work in us

Nehemiah 2:11-15 NLT

God's Delays are not Denials

When you feel like God is not answering your needs quickly enough or as quickly as it seems He has worked on someone else's behalf, remember:

1. Dramatic testimonies are usually abbreviated – they report in condensed version things that took a long time
2. God is never in a hurry

Psalms 121:4 NLT

Psalms 3:5 NLT

The Valley Gate - Nehemiah's team exited the city through the Valley Gate – a gate that get's its name from the view an access to small, narrow Valley of Hinnom

Jeremiah 32:35 NLT

Thus, this Valley became known as the Valley of Flame or Fires, which prompted the valley's adoption as a symbol of the coming horrors of hell. In the book of revelation, eternal hell is described as Gehenna, a name for this valley of Hinnom.

The Serpent Well

John 4:14 NLT

1 John 1:9 NLT

Psalm 103:12 NLT

Micah 7:18-19 NLT

Isaiah 1:18 NLT

Isaiah 44:22 NLT

Hebrews 10:17 NLT

Nehemiah 13:2 NLT

As completely as our sins have been forgiven and we are now positioned in righteousness with God, there is still a need of maintaining a heart of purity before God.

1 John 1:7 NLT

You can't be any more accepted than you already are as His Child, but you can become more open to His victory in the everyday aspects of our daily lives by allowing the Holy Spirit's purifying process to take place on a regular basis in your life.

The Fountain Gate – Being in the Word

Just as the people needed fresh life-sustaining water by passing through the Fountain Gates, so every day the believer needs a continuous stream of the Word of God in order to survive.

At the Valley Gate and the Serpent Well, you learn assurance in Christ and dominion over the Devil.

At the Dung Gate and Fountain Gate, though, we are reminded of the importance of confession and daily growth that comes through the Word of God

### Three Gates and Two water sources

- With a reminder of the consequences of sin, you need to know where you stand with God in Christ (the Valley Gate)
- Remember that you have been given dominion over the Devil in Jesus's name (the serpent well)
- Practice the regular confession of sin to allow an ongoing, purifying work of the Holy Spirit (the Dung Gate)
- Drink from the Word of God daily (the Fountain Gate)
- And know what it means to be filled with and live in the fullness of the Spirit (the Kings Pool) right on the inside of your being.