

Fling Wide the Gates



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Psalm 24:7-10

7. Lift up your heads, you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

8. Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty,
the Lord mighty in battle.

9. Lift up your heads, you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

10. Who is he, this King of glory?
The Lord Almighty—
He is the King of glory.

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Heard:

Fling wide the gates so the King of Glory can come in.

I saw a picture of The Shepard and He is at the entrance of the gate and is walking through the gate with loving kindness in His eyes.

He's wept over the city. This city.

He's saturated the soil and amended the hearts.

He's permeating the ground so it can be full of
milk and honey.

He's prepared a place in the presence of our enemies.

Fling wide the gates.

I saw four corner posts like pillars and a huge umbrella
as I sat with the Lord in my quiet time.

in this setting was a

wide gate left open for the new flock
to come in and know the Fathers voice. I saw Him
at the gate.



I then heard.
I am weeping over the city.
I had to look it up the scripture around this as I remembered that
reading it in the my quiet time recently. Luke 19:41
And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it,
He's gone ahead.

Jesus' tears reveal His tender heart for the lost and the broken. Even in the face of rejection, His response is not anger, but grief.

This verse reminds us of His longing for people to return to God, and it invites us to carry that same heart—for our communities, families, and cities.

He's moved people to help prepare the way. The land of the hearts. I heard:

The land where a shot will be heard around the world.

I had to look this up as it's now the third time I've heard this word over this city of Cinci. since moving here nine years ago.

This is what I found. I highlighted what resonated within me.

"The shot heard 'round the world" is a famous phrase referring to the first gunfire that started a conflict with global impact—most commonly, it refers to:

The American Revolutionary War (1775)

The phrase originally comes from Ralph Waldo Emerson's poem "Concord Hymn", describing the Battle of Lexington and Concord in Massachusetts, where the first armed conflict between American colonists and British troops took place.

"Here once the embattled farmers stood / And fired the shot heard round the world."

This "shot" was symbolic—it marked the beginning of the revolution that would eventually birth a new nation, and it signaled a turning point that inspired other movements toward liberty across the world.

Cinci will be the first.

Friends don't grow weary of doing good.

Keep praying. Keep interceding. Keep declaring the Truth.

Don't hesitate to move and stay focused on what is set before you. Your "calling" or your "assignment."

The new pasture.

The land flowing with milk and honey. The fresh grass.

The Shepherd is excitedly waiting to receive.

I see His eyes looking out at the pasture
with the existing flock and the gate swinging wide open
with a hand gesture,

"All are welcome and All are of high value."

Heard again. Fling wide the gate.

Prepare the way.

So the King of Glory can come in.

He is strong and mighty.

He is strong in battle.



He is as gentle caring Shepherd who lovingly cares over us, He's asking us to make room and cast down judgmental hearts~ as he's inviting new friends into the flock.

The new is not the old.

**Be willing to cast things of old aside for stillness of the new.
the Space. The quietness.**

He's got alot to say in the space.

Give Him room to speak.

The only thing old is the foundational Truth.

Prepare your hearts.

Prepare to be generous.

Prepare to welcome strangers in.

Don't withhold.

As the Lord will not withhold His own generosity. He's looking for generous hearts and open hands to help, to go, to welcome.

This season will be tears of Joy not weeping.

Tears of joy for returning of prodigal sons and daughters.

Awake my soul & Sing.

I heard the song: Awake My Soul - Hillsong Worship

Weeping was last season

as we were given they way of our own hearts to see what we would do.

Man chooses many things that was based out of a fear of man. He's broken off that fear and replaced it with boldness and confidence of the Lord He is now giving space for repentance.

Give Him Room. Quiet the noise.

Who is this King of Glory?

His name is Jesus.

Do not be ashamed.

Boldness has risen within the refiner's fire. He's prepared good sweet honey.

His Word.

His Truth.



His word is as sweeter than honey" (Psalm 19:10)

His word is a source of healing (Proverbs 16:24).

Declare it.



He's looking for His pollinators buzzing about the community sharing the good news.

The gospel plain and simple.

No shame. No apologies.

He's stripped off flags of branding and
seared our hearts with His proper branding,

So that the King of Glory can come in.

Who is this King of Glory?

The Lord Almighty—

He is the King of glory.

Joy has come!

I am hearing epicenter and make room.

epicenter: The central point of a powerful force, movement, or activity.

Make yourself known, Lord. Selah.

