



## THE VALLEY GATE Pt. 3 (The Gate of Humility)

*Nehemiah 3:13 (KJV) The valley gate repaired Hanun, and the inhabitants of Zanoah; they built it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and a thousand cubits on the wall unto the dung gate.*

**The valley is a place of battle** in the place of battle God will test you. God will test you to see what he can trust you with. Can you be trusted when things get tough will you see it through, will you make it happen even when things are not going your way? You cannot be promoted it without a test. In other words, no test no testimony.

In the physical world valleys are places where battles take place, the same is true in the spiritual world. You will be faced with many battles in the valley, with circumstances and situations that you must overcome. You must fight to become the you God wants you to be. You are made in the valley and you cannot get out of the valley without a fight because the valley is the place of battle.

**The Valley is a place of destruction.** When God begins to purge you in the valley, He shows you yourself and He shows you what you need to destroy about yourself. He shows you what you need to get rid of and in the valley, you will make that decision that either you will hold onto it or let it go.

You will either destroy whatever has a hold on you or it will destroy you. If you find yourself in the valley there is some things you ought to be destroying and getting rid of. When God gets through with you, you were going somewhere. But God cannot use you until you destroy those things that are holding you back.

**The valley is a place of refreshing.** It is said that the Valley of Bacca was a dry place, but God filled it with pools of water. Likewise, your valley will be a place of Refreshing, but you must wait out the dry season. Do not give up in the dry season. If you do this will not only be the only dry season you experience. Show God you can handle this he wants you to trust him so he can sustain you. If you are in that please hold onto the truth that God is going to bless you, all you have to do is wait out the dry season. 1Kings 17:1-6.

**The valley is a place of Pruning,** a place of cleansing the mind for growth. Have you ever noticed that when God wants to grow a tree the first thing, he does is pull it or cut it? Somehow the release of the old branches and leaves encourage the tree to spring forth new growth. The same is true for us. In the valley much of our dead wood is cut away and we begin new growth.

Be aware the people around you would not always appreciate what's happening to you in the valley. They can see the pruning taking place but to them it looks like death. Because they do not know that there was growth in the valley. They will keep watching you, thinking you were going to die but there's surprise you will keep on living the abundant life.

The people around you will not be aware that you learn to pray and calling God in the valley so that you were no longer operating out of your own strength. So, when those people think you are down for the count, you come walking out of the valley with your head up, your shoulders back and your hands lifted in the air praising God. 1 Pet 4:12-14.

**The valley is a place of glory.** You are in the valley, but his glory has not yet been revealed. You are in the valley, but you do not know yet that you are someone special. Remember God is simply getting you ready for what you could not handle right now. He is revealing his glory to you on the way to your wealthy place. You may not see it now, but he is revealing Glory is on the way. There is glory in the valley. The spirit of glory and the Spirit of God, rest on you when you were in the valley. In other words, you can shout why are you going through this testing!

His spirit is not just on you but resting on you. That means you have the power to make it because the glory and the spirit is on you. That is why it does not bother me when I am going through the valley full blast, because the glory of God is upon me and the spirit of the Lord is on me.

When you were at your low point, in your valley from what people around you can see you must have made God man. He must have turned his back on you. Those people make fun of you because you were going through the valley, they may make you a reproach simply because they do not know that God is in the process. God will not let everyone know what he's doing, they can't handle it.

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Look at the symbolism of the names of those who worked on the Valley gate. **Hanun** is translated **Favor of God** and **Zanoah** is translated it Rejected by Men. That is exactly what happens when you go through the valley people do not understand what God is doing in your life, so they reject you and persecute you and all the while God is releasing his **Favor** on you.

Where they thought you were messed up, God was bringing you up. Where they thought God was through with you, God was just beginning to work on you. Where they thought you had made a mistake, God was turning that thing into a blessing.

I thank God for every mountain that he has allowed me to stand upon.

But nothing can compare to my valley experience.

In the valley you are never alone.

I can testify that my valleys did not kill me.

*Psalms 23:4 (KJV) Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou [art] with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*