

The image shows a vast landscape of ancient stone ruins. In the foreground, there are several stone walls and a prominent semi-circular archway. To the right, a wide set of stone steps leads up a hillside. The background features more extensive ruins, including a tall, rectangular stone tower. The sky is overcast with grey clouds. The overall scene is one of historical decay and architectural grandeur.

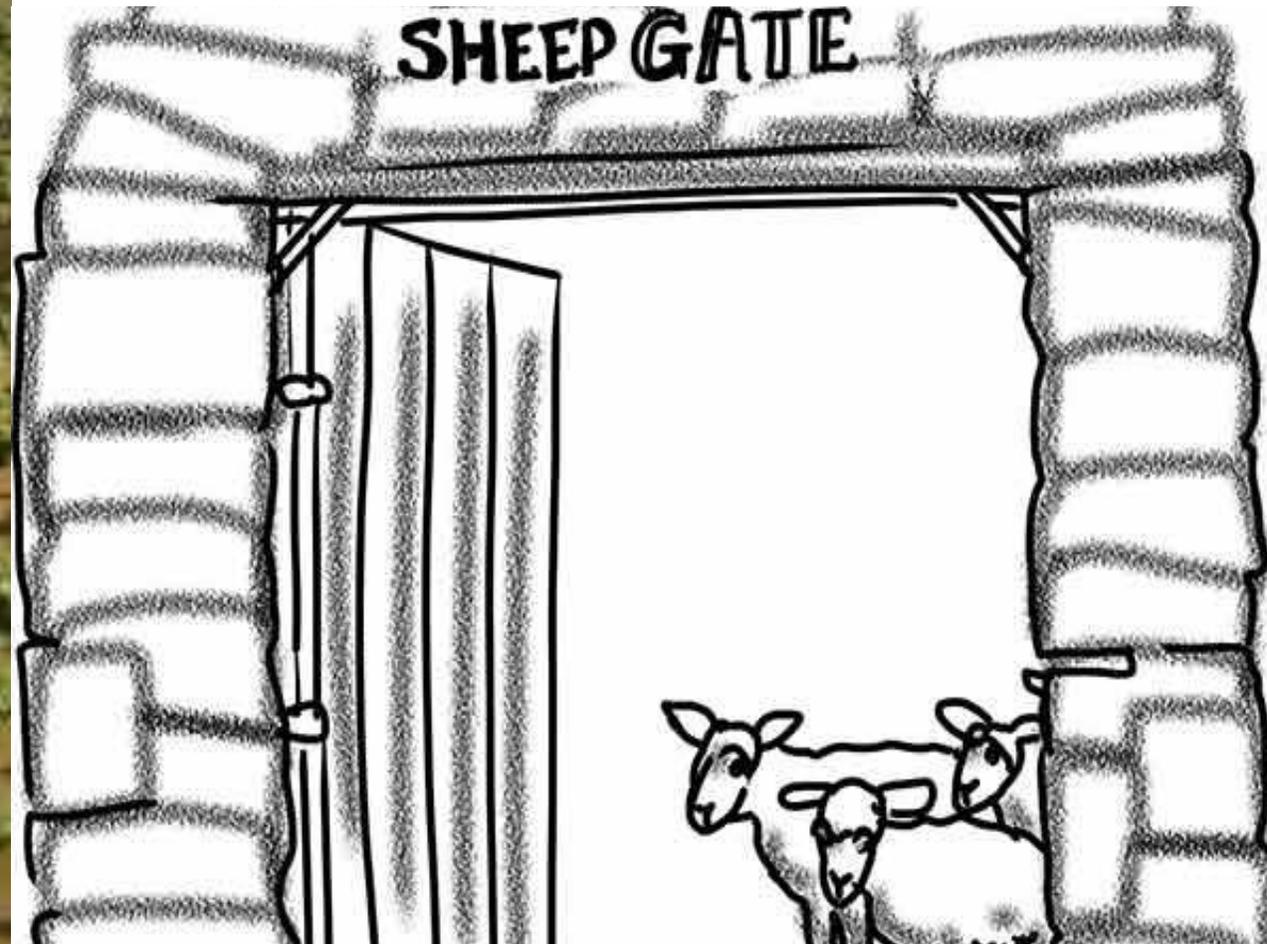
THE POWER OF PRAISE

**A WALLED CITY WITHOUT GATES IS NOT ENTIRELY
SAFE.**

Nehemiah's Story



WALLS AND GATES



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❖ 2.5 mls LENGTH

❖ 39 ft HEIGHT

❖ 8.2 ft THICKNESS

❖ OLD and FISH

❖ SHEEP and INSPECTION

❖ EAST and HORSE

❖ WATER and FOUNTAIN

❖ DUNG and the VALLEY

WALLS

Walls in the bible, are seen as structures that protect, provide security, and represent a place of shelter, a place of belonging. Walls are about what God does for us...

Isaiah 26:1

We have a strong city; God makes **salvation** its walls and ramparts.

WALLS

Isaiah 60: 18-19

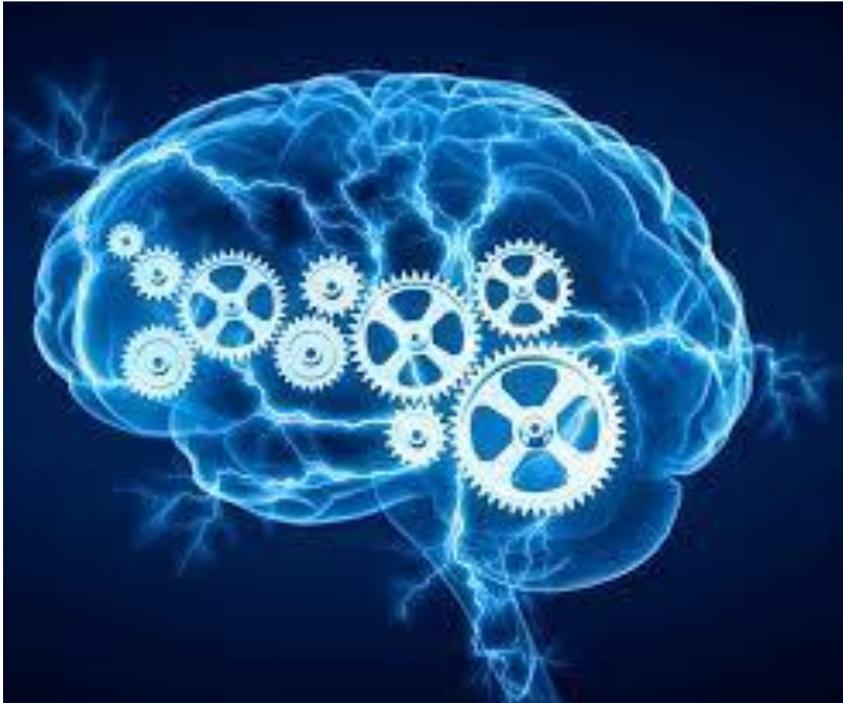
No longer will violence be heard in your land, nor ruin or destruction within your borders, but you will call your walls **Salvation** and your gates **Praise.**

GATES

- ❖ A gate in scripture is a dwelling place
- ❖ Gates are about **Praise** and scripture reminds us that God dwells/inhabits the praises of his people
- ❖ Praise is about what we do with him because he inhabits our praise.
- ❖ Its about who he is

OUR SPIRITUAL GATEWAYS

THOUGHTS



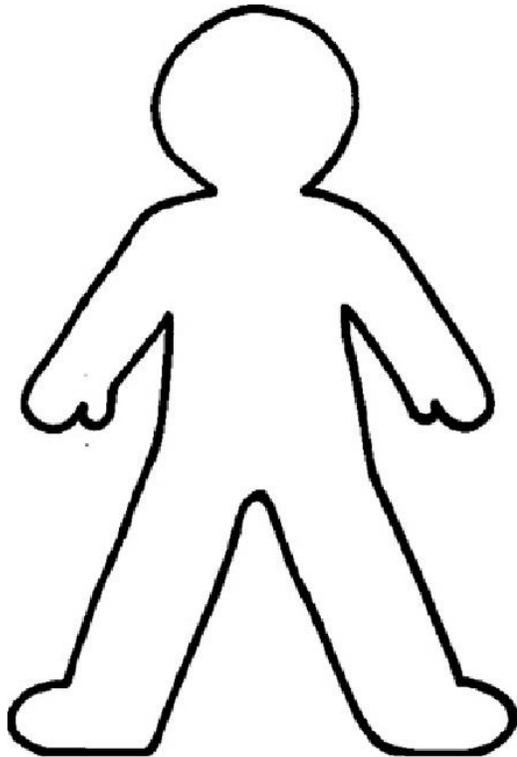
SPEECH



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OUR SPIRITUAL GATEWAYS

ACTIONS



FEELINGS



THE MIND – 2 Corinthians 10:5

We demolish arguments and **every** pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and **we take captive every thought** to make it obedient to Christ.

THE MOUTH – Ephesians 4:29

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of **your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.**

THE BODY – 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?

You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honour God with your bodies.

THE HEART - Proverbs 4:23

Above all else, **YOU guard your heart**, for everything you do flows from it.

Philippians 4:7

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will **guard your hearts** and **your minds** in Christ Jesus.

**SO HOW
DO WE USE
PRAISE AS A
WEAPON?**

