



Why Worship Requires Gates

Nehemiah 13

PROBLEM #1

The Israelites were too busy



ARE WE TOO BUSY TO WORSHIP RIGHT?



PROBLEM #2

The world didn't make it easy

**ARE WE WAITING FOR THE WORLD
TO MAKE WORSHIP CONVENIENT?**

PROBLEM #3

They had profaned the Sabbath

PROFANE: defile, pollute, desecrate

- ❖ Reduce the time
(comp. to Php 4:8)
- ❖ Reduce the participation
(comp. to Heb 10:24)
- ❖ Reduce the reverence
(comp. to Heb 12:28)
- ❖ Increase the distractions
(comp. to Lk 10:40-41)

ARE WE TRYING FOR THE MINIMUM?



SOLUTION #1
SHUT THE GATES

PROPER WORSHIP STARTS BEFORE WORSHIP

SOLUTION #2

STEP AWAY
FROM THE
GATES

BE HERE
NOW

BE HERE, NOT HERE WAITING TO BE ELSEWHERE