

Understanding the Keys to the Kingdom

There is a moving of the Holy Spirit in this time to encourage the Church/Christ's Body to use the keys of the Kingdom to effectively accomplish our end time strategy of fulfilling the Great Commission of winning souls and discipling them in the Kingdom.

These keys are a critical weapon in our arsenal the Lord has given us for the end times we are in.

Matt 16:18-19 JESUS SAID: "On this rock I will build My Church; and the gates of hell [the government/authority of hell] shall not prevail against it - [overcome, or be strong enough to stop it] And I will give to you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven: and whatever you bind/permit to happen on earth shall be bound/permited in heaven: and whatever you shall loose/permit on earth shall be loosed/permited in heaven."

Keys represent authority in the Scriptures:

- When you have a key to a lock, you have authority over it.
- You can lock it or unlock it.

We, as representatives of Christ's Body on earth have been given the authority to unlock/open or lock/close.

- Through Christs Kingdom and in His Name, we have been given this authority.

Psa. 115:16 "The heavens are the heavens of the Lord, but the earth He has given to the sons of men."

There are three heavens mentioned in scripture:

1. The atmospheric heavens – the sky above us.
2. The astrological heavens – the planets and beyond.
3. The Third heaven where God dwells; not that His presence doesn't fill the entire earth. His residing place.

This is where Paul was caught up and received revelation from 2Cor. 12:2.

This earth and all that goes on here has been given to man – Gen. 1:26, to steward it and govern it.

The authority of hell, according to Jesus, cannot overcome the authority He's given to govern upon the earth.

We need to get rid of all notions that describes the Church as not winning!

- Get rid of the notion that The King can't do what He said He would do through His Church. Yahweh worked His wonders thru the Staff He gave to Moses!
- Get rid of the notion that the Holy Spirit is not powerful enough to anoint us to prevail overcoming all that hell throws at us.

AMPC: Matt 16:18-19 “And on this rock [a huge rock like Gibraltar] I will build My church, and the gates of Hade [the powers of the infernal region] shall not overpower it [or be strong to its detriment or hold out against it].

- Somehow, the church has flipped this around to say that we are just trying to “hold out against hell”
- Jesus said: “I’m going to make you strong enough that hell can’t hold out against you!”

**We have to get our thinking right – and talk right,
or if our thinking is wrong, our talk will be wrong and we will receive wrong!**

“I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind [declare to be improper/forbid and unlawful] on earth must be what is already bound in heaven;
AGREEMENT – what we bind-declare improper must agree with what heaven says is improper.

- Jesus said that hell will try to be a detriment; but I’ll anoint you to be full of strength that hell is not strong enough to be a detriment to you, and you will be able to bind/forbid it and loose the power of God to bring forth the Kingdom of Heavens rule.

We are now in the era when this power is going to become more visible than ever before! The world is now setting the narrative to attempt to back the people of God down by declaring the church is “non-essential.”

- If we begin to buy into their declarations about who we are, we build our own barriers around ourselves and we begin to operate in confinement rather than liberty, rather than freedom and the activation of Kingdom government on the earth.
- The Holy Spirit is declaring what the Father has decreed about the church, that we are the most essential entity on the earth today.
- We have to say and believe what God says, not what the world says about us.

Matt. 16:18-19 Murdock, Greek Scholar Translation:

“I will build My church and the gates of death shall not triumph over it. To you will I give the keys to the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven and whatever you shall unbind on earth shall be unbound in heaven.”

- This is one of the most accurate translations there is on these verses:
“We have authority to bind anything happening on earth the enemy uses as a detriment, but we’ll also have authority to “unbind.”

There's a lot that needs to be "unbound" – unchained, released for good on the earth to overcome the evil.

We're called to be "unbinders as well as binders."

As the Holy Spirit leads the true church, we will see more things bound and unbound as the Heirs of the Kingdom exercise our authority given to us by our Resurrected Lord – Jesus.

- We've allowed hell to bind us by declaring: "you can't do this, you can't meet like this, you don't need to go to church; it's unhealthy/not safe, if you do go; it's only a few in number that can go and we'll tell you what you can do and when you can do it.
- The enemy of heaven knows what worship can accomplish, so he's trying to legislate to the church that you can't sing and meet to worship.
- We have to be "unbinders" we bind the enemy, not him bind us.

What should be our reaction?

Do what we are destined, called and saved to do – Praise the Lord and call out to Him in worship. Don't let the rocks cry out for you!

We have to get the perspective right or we speak wrong and if we speak wrong, we get wrong!

The Lord hasn't asked us to do something hard; just think like He thinks!

- Get your perspective right – say what I say [the Lord] and I'll back your stand.

Message Bible: Matt. 16:18-19

"This is the rock on which I will put together My church, **a church so expansive with energy** that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out."

- Jesus did not say it would be a church whose energy/strength would diminish, but become expansive with energy so that the gates of hell will not be able to prevail against it.
- Some believers believe that end times church will become so weak and powerless and subjected to the enemy, that Jesus will have to come and rescue a dying church/people.
- Expansive means to keep going, not retract – contract.

Hell is posting "KEEP OUT" signs to the church:

"POSTED KEEP OUT"

- Keep out of the schools – 1960's.

- Keep Out of government –
- Keep Out of the work place –
- Keep Out of the neighborhood and public places.
- Stay within the confines of your four walls, now the enemy is trying to infringe and steal that freedom from the church.

But that is not what The King says, He says the gates of hell will not be able to keep us out.

We, as God's people need to be declaring: "NO, you're not going to keep us out of anything!"

- NO, we're not honoring your posted keep out signs.
- Why, because you weren't given the authority on the earth, God gave it to the Ecclesia – His Church.
- So your authority is broken and your power is broken by the death and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ over you and we're NOT going to honor your signs to Keep Out!

Message Bible: 18-19 "And that's not all. You will have complete and free access to God's kingdom, keys to open any and every door; no more barriers between heaven and earth, earth and heaven. A yes on earth is yes in heaven. A no on earth is no in heaven."

The church with great glory is rising to stand against the anti-Christ and his agenda and say No, stop to some things, and unbind some other things.

You must know this, that you are being called to make a decision to be a part of the most important Ecclesia in all of history that is now rising!

Throughout the history of the Ecclesia, it has expanded; but now is not only larger in size, but in revelation, power and gifting's to accomplish the Kingdom work.

This Ecclesia began with 12, reduced to 11, enlarged to 120 and multiplied to millions today.

Here's some very good news about this Ecclesia:

- **Jesus is building it, not man.**
- If man were building it, there would be much to be concerned about.
- O yes, there are many mega churches and large assemblies today.

- But not all that is large is a true measurement of what the Holy Spirit is really building.
- You can have a great crowd without having real disciples/followers of Jesus.
- Many men have told the Lord that we know how to build the church with our plans and programs and mindsets. We don't need the Holy Spirit; we have plenty of good ideas.
- That is not the Ecclesia Jesus is building, He is The Builder, no one else is building it.
- He is Lord and the Holy Spirit is working with Him to build His church.

That doesn't decrease us, that increases us:

- The Holy Spirit [part of the Godhead] is upon the earth with power to fulfill and to activate the true Ecclesia, which is who Jesus defined as His true church.

We are in a momentous time where hell cannot stop the Lord from building His church to fulfill His purposes in these last days.

We are going to see a re-introduction of the Holy Spirit into the world, the church and He will function in visible leadership.

- No longer relegating the Holy Spirit to the parking lot, or our homes, or a back room overflow and not operating in the assembly of the Ecclesia.
- The remnant of the Ecclesia will be the ones who taste and experience and get what the Holy Spirit is wanting to do in this time.
- Holy Spirit is to become the visible leader of the meetings of the Ecclesia releasing explosive power throughout the world with no one being able to stop it.

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