

Keys of the Kingdom

Keys = Authority & Dominion

Jesus was given all power in heaven and on earth after He took the keys of dominion from Satan. (**Matt 28:18**.) After He was raised from the dead, Jesus delegated the keys of dominion to all believers.

The truth is that we are children and imitators of God. (**Eph 5:1**.) We are followers of Jesus. Therefore, when confronted with mountains of trouble, tribulation, sin, demons, or sickness -- we should speak like Jesus would speak. He would command, declare, bind and loose those that were held captive by the devil.

Remember, we're commanding the devil and circumstances in Jesus' name. And *the gates of hades will not prevail against the church!* (**Matt 16:18**.)

It's how Jesus would have us live. He took back the keys of the Kingdom from Satan -- and gave them to us. The keys are "binding and loosing." Keys are used to lock and unlock doors and gates.

Matthew 16:19, *"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."*

In other words, we have been given delegated **authority to "bind"** (not allow) demonic adversity, sin, sickness, and fear.

We also have **authority & dominion to "loose"** (set free) people that are held captive by Satan.

People can be loosed from addictions, grief, depression, and sickness and disease.

Now let's look at an example that Jesus demonstrated for us:

Luke 13:10-13, *"Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up."*

But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity."

"And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God."

Let's look at another scripture that might be a surprise concerning the keys of the kingdom of heaven: *"He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might **destroy** the works of the devil"* (**1 John 3:8**).

This scripture gives one of the major purposes that Jesus came to earth as an anointed man. In this scripture the word *destroy* is really translated from the Greek as "loose."

As we look back at the woman who was bent over for eighteen years, Jesus declared she was **loosed** from her infirmity. A wonderful demonstration of the keys of the Kingdom.

Now let's dive into another situation that Jesus used to demonstrate how to apply the "keys." Jesus was being accused of casting out demons by the power of Satan.

Jesus answered, *“If I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. Or how can one enter a **strong man’s house** and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.”*

I now realize that the strongman is the devil. But what about “plundering his house?” Now I also realize, by the Spirit of God, that believers have the keys that will open the gates of hell – so that we can **bind** the strongman and **loose** the captives behind his gates.

Remember **Matt 16:18**? Jesus said, *“I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”*

[Matthew 6:9-10](#)

In this manner, therefore, pray:

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. **Your kingdom come.** Your will be done on earth as *it is* in heaven.

[Matthew 6:33](#)

But seek first the **kingdom of God** and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

[Matthew 16:19](#)

I will give you the **keys of the kingdom** of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

[Luke 7:28](#)

For I say to you, among those born **of** women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the **kingdom of God** is greater than he.

[Matthew 24:14](#)

And this gospel of **the kingdom** will be **preached in all the world** as a witness to **all the nations**, & **then the end** will come.

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