

KEYS TO THE KINGDOM

Math16v13-19 READ**** ¹³When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, **“Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?”**

¹⁴So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”¹⁶Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”¹⁷Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.”¹⁸And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth ²⁰will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven

Before Jesus gave the keys to the kingdom of God to His disciples their had to come a revelation of who He is! Who do you say He is this morning? Is He a

- John the Baptist - A man of principle And conviction!
- Elijah - a Man who could call down fire from Heaven!
- Jeremiah - a man with a word for the world to here!

Who do you say that He is this morning for to receive these keys that open Heaven one must come to the **revelation of who He is!** For people only saw Him as one who spoke wonderful things, Did great signs or was a man of conviction and principle .

BUT HE IS THE CHRIST THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD

Keys are given to those who know who He is!!!

Simon meaning “reed” was given a new name PETER meaning little rock and upon the truth that peter spoke Christ builds the church, 1 Cor3v11 **for no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, be which is JESUS CHRIST**

Simon found out who he was he no longer a reed blown by the wind, but a Stone that God was going to use to help build His House!! And this house the gates of hell would not prevail.

¹Pet 2v4&5 Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, ⁵you also, **as living stones**, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Keys are given to those who know they are a part of a bigger picture than themselves!

God reiterates the statement again in Matth 18v18-22 "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹"Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

²¹Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

Keys are given to those who walk in corporate unity

V19 states the necessity of corporate unity the key word is AGREE *A cord of many voices; A harmonious concert of agreement*,

V20 - 2 of you the most basic of relationships - husband - wives, brother-sister,

The same word translated to bless (barak) 'to create by **speaking** praise' can be translated curse 'to create by **speaking** bitterness'.

HOW DO I SPEAK TO PEOPLE MY WIFE, HUSBAND , BROTHER , SISTER.....

Prov18v21 *Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.*

The enemy knows the power given to the Believer the ability to bind and loose—bless or curse Therefore, to render the Believer ineffective, he refocuses the Christians to misuse his God given authority. How? By getting believers to speak against one another.. Bind and loose - bless or curse creating an open or closed heaven!

verse 21 *Lord how often should I forgive my brother?* Peter's immediate attention is not to the authority of the believer but rather the issue of forgiveness. how Unforgiveness affects our your personal relationships the church and breaks unity and stops those doing it from walking in an open heaven

James3v7-10READ*** *For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. ⁸But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men* **curse = "to tear down, bring one down"**

Jms 1v26

States An Unruly, Careless Tongue Negates Everything Spiritual in Your Life!

MOST OFFENSES THAT OCCUR IN CHURCH OCCUR THRU PRESUMPTION

(Prov 27v3) As a man thinks in his heart so is he! 1 COR 13v5 LOVE THINKS NO EVIL

(James 3:8). *"But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison".*

You and I can no more tame your tongue by yourself than a wild horse can tame itself. Wild horses are tamed by experienced trainers who "break" them. And the Holy Spirit is our trainer. Only He can break our unruly, wild tongues!

Isa6v1-7 Read *****

God's Word is a live coal - and the Holy Ghost is its fire! . And God wants to put His fire to your tongue and sanctify it. He can do it for you - if you'll let His Word convict you! He is the only One who can do it. Your part is simply to confess as Isaiah did, "Woe is me, I'm unclean!"

The secret to victory an uncontrollable tongue is closeness to Jesus - intimacy with Him - knowing Him!

Keys of the kingdom are given to those who know their God,

Keys are given to those who understand they are being fitted together with others for His Holy Habitation! . And it requires me to CHANGE MY SHAPE TO FIT!!

Keys are given to those who will allow the coal of God ignited by his fire to touch their unclean lips so as to bridle this tongue to come under the control of the HOLY GHOST!!!