
The Keys of Authority (The Power to Bind & Loose)

The Keys of Holiness

Pastor Wil Nichols

July 26, 2020

Victorious Praise Fellowship Church of God in Christ

2116 Page Rd. Durham NC 27703

WEBSITE: www.VictoriousPraise.org

EMAIL: PastorWil@VictoriousPraise.org, Info@VictoriousPraise.org

PHONE: (919) 957-7500

Sermon: The Keys of Holiness: The Keys of Authority (The Power to Bind & Loose)

New Series Messages: “The Keys of Holiness”

Lesson Text

Matthew 16:18–19 (AV)¹⁸ **And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.**

Introduction

Today we now move into a new series that deals with the access that comes from living the lifestyle of Holiness. As a result of the way we live, there are certain things we get access to within the kingdom of heaven. But let’s first introduce the Kingdom of Heaven!

First there is the Establishing of the Kingdom of Heaven:

Matthew 3:1–2 (AV)¹ In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, ² And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

The kingdom of heaven, or kingdom of God (used interchangeably in the synoptic Gospels) is the central theme of Jesus’ preaching. It was to be prepared by the coming of the Messiah, and the establishing of a place on earth for God’s People.

Next there is the Advancing of the Kingdom of Heaven:

Matthew 11:12 (AV)¹² **And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.**

This is the Kingdom of Heaven forcefully Advancing while violent people are attacking it.

John established the beachhead, and Christ advanced us into the enemy’s territory.

Finally, there is the Arming of the Kingdom of Heaven for battle (Keys or Access)

2 Corinthians 10:4 (AV)⁴ (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

Keys give us access to this these mighty or spiritual weapons in the arsenal of the Kingdom.

Matthew 16: ¹⁹ **And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: ...**

Keys represent both Access and Authority. You can not only get in, and you have the authority to be there. And with that authority comes certain powers!

Matthew 16:19 (AV)¹⁹ **... and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.**

The concept of “binding and loosing” was commonly used among the Jewish people in relation

to the authority of the rabbis to forbid and permit certain practices.

When Jesus gave Peter the supernatural authority to bind and loose, he was giving the church the power to forbid certain things and to permit others.

When operating in the Will of God, Holiness gives us the Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. These keys give us the Authority to Access, Bind, and Loose those things necessary for our battle; and when used properly, Heaven backs up whatever we do.

Series and Sermon: The Keys of Holiness: The Keys of Authority (The Power to Bind & Loose)

“The Authority to Access, The Authority to Bind, and The Authority to Loose”

I. The Authority to Access (Power)

Matthew 16: **18 ... and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven:**

The first thing that the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven represent is the Authority to Access.

We get access to a place that Hell shall not prevail. Why? Because they don't have any keys! They don't have any access! They don't have any authority!

So why is there so much hell in your life? Lock the door!

With Keys, we have the Authority to Access God's Power

Power to Access God's Light in Darkness

- Psalm 27:1(AV)¹ The LORD *is* my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
- Matthew 5: **14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.**
- Psalm 27:3 (AV) ³ Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this *will I be* confident.

Power to Access God's Petition in Need

- John 14:13–14 (AV)¹³ **And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*.**
- Matthew 7:7 (AV)⁷ **Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:**
- Matt 21: **22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.**

Power to Access God's Protection in Trouble

- Psalm 46:1 (AV)¹ God *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- Psalm 27:5 (AV) ⁵ For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.
- Psalm 34:7 (AV)⁷ The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

Power to Access God's Presence in Lonliness

- Psalm 22:3 (AV)³ But thou *art* holy, *O thou* that inhabitest the praises of Israel.
- Psalm 34:1–3 (AV)¹ I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth. ² My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear *thereof*, and be glad. ³ O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

Luke 10:19 (AV)¹⁹ Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Acts 1:8 (AV)⁸ But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

II. The Authority to Bind (*Fobid*)

Matthew 16: ¹⁹ And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: ...

Remember, to Bind means to Forbid!

When we come out of our secret place, out of our heavenly place and place of protection; we go to Advance the Kingdom. And need to be able to Forbid certain things coming against us.

2 Corinthians 10:4–5 (AV)⁴ (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) ⁵ Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Unclean Spirits and Wicked Situations and Imaginations have positioned themselves to stop the Advancement of the Kingdom and the Will of God.

Generational Strongholds in our DNA, Spiritual Oppression from our Environment

Psalm 51:5 (AV)⁵ Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Exodus 20:5 (AV)⁵ ... for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me;

Romans 7:21 (AV)²¹ I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

All around us is Strongholds and Spirits of Poverty, Anger, Bitterness, Depression, Oppression, Sickness & Disease, Hurt & Betrayal

We have the Authority to Bind every Unclean Spirit and Wicked Imagination; to Forbid!

To restrain, tie, or fasten; tying up the hands or feet to prevent unfettered movement. These things have had free reign in our lives long enough.

Bind means to forbid; so we bind and forbid poverty, bind and forbid depression, bind and forbid anger and bitterness, we bind and forbid unclean spirits.

We have the authority to Bind every devil in hell, and they shall not prevail

Luke 10:19 (AV)¹⁹ Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

And what gives us the Authority is that Heaven Backs us up!

Matthew 16: ... and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven:

We have to Authority to Bind and Forbid every Unclean Spirit and Wicked Situation

III. The Authority to Loose (Permit)

Matthew 16: ¹⁹ And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: ... and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Just as we have the Authority to Bind the Devil, we also have the Authority to Loose God's Blessings. The former means to forbid, but the latter means to permit

Too many people have bound the devil, but they are living beneath their privilege because they have not loosed God Promises and Blessings upon their lives.

Matthew 12:43–45 (AV)⁴³ When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, ... seeking rest, and findeth none... ⁴⁵ Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first.

It's not just good enough to bind the devil, you have to loose the blessings

We have the Authority to Loose Every Promise and Blessing God has for us

2 Corinthians 1:20 (AV)²⁰ For all the promises of God in him *are* yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

Proverbs 10: ²² The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

Deuteronomy 28: ² And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. ³ Blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the city, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the field... ⁶ Blessed *shalt* thou *be* when thou comest in, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* when thou goest out. ⁷ The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

The enemy brought seven more unclean spirits, but all of them are running.

Today we loose All the Blessing of the Lord:

Today we loose All the Promises of the Lord:

Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: The Keys of Authority (The Power to Bind & Loose))

Lesson Text

- Matthew 16:18–19

Sermon Outline (Notes)

I. *The Authority to Access (Power)*

II. *The Authority to Bind (Forbid)*

III. *The Authority to Loose (Permit)*

Questions

I. Getting to Know “Me”

1. What has affected you the most since the pandemic began?
2. When did God become more than just a word to you?

II. Into the Bible

1. In Matthew 16:20, Jesus commands the disciplines “that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ”. Jesus also gave the same response to the leper in Matthew 8:4. Why would Jesus command the disciples and the leper to “tell no one” after they have received such revelation and miracles?
2. Jesus specifically said in Matthew 16:19, that He gives to the believer the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven and with that authority, we can bind and loose. How exactly does a believer bind and loose things on earth and to what extent does our authority go?

III. Life Application

1. This week’s Sermon mentioned several things that walking in holiness gives us access to, all of which are important. But which of these keys are most significant to you personally?
2. As believers walking in holiness, we have authority to bind (forbid) and to loose (permit). Thinking about the conditions in the world today, what should we be using our authority to bind? What should we loose? How is this authority a weapon?