



Keys to the Kingdom Part 4

The Kingdom Builder's Authority to Bind and Loose



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Matthew 16:18-19
NKJV

18 And 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 [g]prevail against it. 19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth [h]will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

CSB

19 Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will have been bound[j] in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will have been loosed[k] in heaven.



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Church:

In Matthew. 16:18 **church** is the Greek word ***ekklesia***, meaning assembly, a Christian community of members on earth or in heaven...

“and on this rock I will build My church”

“the rock” here is the rock of the revelation of Jesus Christ – **the Gospel.**



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“and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it”.

The NLT reads: Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means ‘rock’),[f] and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell[g] will not conquer it.

Gates: represent Access and Power

i.e.: Activity of Authority and Power at gates in the Old Testament

- At the gates of cities, courts of justice were frequently held; “judges of the gate” are spoken of (Deuteronomy 16:18; 17:8; 21:19; 25:6-7, etc.).
- Criminals were punished outside the city gates (1 Kings 21:13; Acts 7:59).
- At the city gates, prophets frequently delivered their messages (Proverbs 1:21; 8:3; Isaiah 29:21; Jeremiah 17:19-20; 26:10).
- Commandments of God were written on the gates (Deuteronomy 6:9)



In order for Jesus to “build” the church through us, the gospel of Jesus must be preached. In order for the powers of hell to be stopped, believers must share, live, and have a revelation of the gospel of Jesus. This includes the revelation of the authority we have through the gospel, why Jesus Himself was sent and why He is sending us.

Luke 4:18 CSB

The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to preach good news to the poor.

He has sent me[a]
to proclaim release[b] to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free the oppressed



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Jesus builds His church through believers who understand their authority

(including over evil - [Luke 10:19] & to be witnesses for Christ - [Acts 1:8]).

In any situation, either the powers/gates of hell or the Kingdom of heaven will prevail, which is why Jesus gave us “keys” as mentioned in verse 19.

CSB

19 I will give you the **keys** of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you **bind** on earth will have been bound[i] in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will have been loosed[j] in heaven.”

NLT

19 And I will give you the **keys** of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you **forbid[h]** on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit[i] on earth will be permitted in heaven.”



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Keys:

represent authority since the keeper of the keys has the power to open and shut. In the NT, “keys” denotes power and authority of various kinds.

Bind:

means to tie, fasten, forbid, prohibit, declare to be illicit

Loose:

unbind, release from bonds set free, to do away with, deprive of authority

We have the authority to bind and loose what God has already declared to be unlawful or lawful according to His Word.



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**The kingdom builders' authority to bind and loose is granted in order for the church
(*ekklesia*) to be built.**

Let's look at our next passage considering the definitions and revelation previously discussed. This next passage begins by discussing church discipline and how to handle a brother who continues in sin.

Matthew 18:15-20

15 "Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.' 17 And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the **church**. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.

18 "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.

(also consider the AMP translation.)

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This is saying believers have the authority to prohibit/forbid (bind) a believer who is causing trouble in the church. This passage is also discussing physical/natural actions and spiritual action through prayer.

An additional prayer key is mentioned in the next verse.

19 “Again[d] 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. 20 For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”

Agree: Greek word symphoneo ... meaning to be harmonious, to accord/concur/stipulate together.



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In prayer, when believers agree, we create a symphony in the spirit. In addition to binding and loosing, when we come together to access our authority in prayer through agreement, our prayers have the James 5:16 impact

CSB:

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect.

AMPC:

The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working].



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PRAYER STARTER

In what areas has the enemy gained unlawful access?

What do we need to bind together in agreement?



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