

Keys of the Kingdom

Sunday, November 8
Matthew 16:18-19

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 prevail against it. ¹⁹ And 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."

When Jesus told Peter, and all his disciples, that he would give them the keys to bind and loose things in their lives, this did not give them the power to short circuit God's will and God's requirements for faith and obedience. I know too many people who "bind" up the enemy in their lives and yet continue to live in sin, unbelief, or disobedience to God's purpose for their lives, and then wonder why they are still oppressed or distressed.

I know too many people who try to "loose" the blessings of God in their lives without paying the price of obedience, or the price of sacrifice that will allow the flow of blessings to start! God cannot and He will not by-pass his own word of sowing and reaping to fulfill our prayers of things in our lives. God is motivated only by our faith and all the screaming and kicking at the devil will not alter his methods for fulfilling and answering our prayers.

But, we do have the keys to the kingdom at our disposal if we use them according to God's will. We have keys to binding Satan's power out of our lives through obedience to the will and word of God. We can speak to the mountain of doubt and fear, in faith, through a heart of obedience, and it will have to move. The power of the Holy Spirit within us, along with our faith in God and His Word, and in His power combined with obedience will cause all of heaven motivate all of Heaven to answer our prayer. When we pray with all these things lined up, in the name of Jesus, it will be answered.

God loves us unconditionally, but His promises are conditional. Today if you will "hearken" to his word and do the things he asks, you can have what he promised.