



KEYS OF THE KINGDOM

Keys Of The Kingdom Series

Part 4

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Kingdom Authority

The Gospel of Saint Matthew Chapter 4:23-25, ²³ And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains,

those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them, ²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.”

May the Lord add His Blessing to the Reading and the Hearing of His Word Today, In Jesus Name! Amen!

1. The Gospel of the Kingdom has the Power over Everything that is Anti-Kingdom!

- a. Take for example the following passage found in the Gospel of Saint Matthew that give us some insight into what the Gospel of the Kingdom is and its impact upon society when it is Decreed!
- b. Note that when the Gospel of the Kingdom is proclaimed that healings are manifested and afflictions cease; and from this manifestation of the Glory of the Lord, the stories spread which lead to more and more people who were healed of sicknesses, diseases, pains, demonic oppression, seizures, and the paralyzed.
- c. Again, when the Gospel of the Kingdom is decreed, the Glory of God begins to manifest and drive out everything that is anti-kingdom!

d. The Gospel of Saint Luke 11:14-23 gives us insight into manifestations of the Power of the Gospel of the Kingdom by the very words of Christ Himself, ¹⁴“Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. ¹⁵But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” ¹⁶while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. ¹⁸And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebub. ¹⁹And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.”

e. Again, when the Kingdom of God begins to manifest in the Earth, the Kingdom begins to dispel everything that is anti-kingdom!

f. It was the Kingdom of God being manifest through Christ Jesus that healed the sick, restored the lame and oppressed, cast out devils and drove out diseases!

- g. And if I were to take it a step forward beyond there, I would state that the Kingdom of God drives out everything that anti-Christ and anti-God's nature. It dispels everything that is against its culture, its nature, and its purpose.
- h. Not only does The Gospel of the Kingdom have authority over Everything that is Anti-Kingdom! Point #2...

2. The Gospel of the Kingdom Destroys the Works of the Devil!

- a. The Apostle John speaks on this very truth in 1 John 3:7-8, ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. ⁸Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.”
- b. King Jesus, of the Kingdom of Heaven, came to destroy the works of the Devil and it is our task as well as emissaries of the Kingdom of Heaven in the Earth!
- c. The second time that the Gospel of the Kingdom is mentioned in the Gospel of Saint Matthew is in Matthew chapter 9.

- d. In the 9th chapter of the Gospel of Saint Matthew alone, there are six specific miracles of healing noted and in the last 4 verses, it gives us insight into why this happened.
- e. The Gospel of Saint Matthew 9:35-38, “³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”
- f. Jesus went through all the cities and villages teaching and proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction!
- g. But notice with me verse 36, “³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”

- h. Friends, it was the Gospel of the Kingdom that brought forth the Glory of God which then lead to these amazing manifestations of healings and deliverances but it was also this outpouring of the Power and Glory of God that lead to Jesus saying that there is a need of more laborers to bring in the harvest! And today I see a room full of laborers that the Lord is calling into the harvest fields!
- i. Our church needs to get ready for not just His Glory but also to be ready for those whom the Lord is calling to our church and faith community!
- j. But not only does the Gospel of the Kingdom destroy the works of the Devil! Point #3...

3. The Gospel of the Kingdom is destined to be released into the Earth and the Catalyst is The Church!

- a. How do we release the Power and Glory of the Kingdom into the Earth? Church, I believe with all my Heart that Heaven is standing at attention waiting for the Church to arise in the Earth and demonstrate the Power of the Kingdom of Heaven!
- b. I believe that we are standing at the precipice of something amazing and its literally at the door of our church! The Glory is coming in great measure!

c. Unity (Acts 2:1)

- i. Acts 2:1-2, “When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.”
- ii. Church, we will never accomplish the Great Commission if ever become entrapped in a Great Division! Our calling is directly connected to our cooperation! The unity of the 120 in the upper room was the deciding factor that unlocked the heavens to be poured out into the earth! Our unity determines the volume of Glory that will manifest in our presence! If we want unity in the Kingdom then we must have unity amongst ourselves!

d. Prayer (Acts 4:31)

- i. Acts 4:31, “³¹ And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.”

- ii. I believe that the 24 hour prayer meeting that we had last weekend was a game changing moment for our church and the direction of our church for 2023!
- iii. Church, the old adage is true when it says that prayer changes things; we must get back to the basics and refocus on what brings the power of the Holy Spirit and the outpouring of the Glory! (forthcoming plans for monthly prayer)

e. Obedience (Matt 3:16-17)

- i. Matt 3:16-17, **“¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”**
- ii. Notice that it was Christ’s obedience that lead to an amazing outpouring of the Power of God! His obedience opened the Heavens, the Spirit came upon Christ and the Father spoke audibly into the Earth!

- iii. Friends, obedience to the call of Christ leads to an open heaven, an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and direct communication from Heaven into the Earth!
- iv. I believe firmly that if we do these three things then we will see Heaven on Earth in 2023! I believe that the Glory is coming! I believe an amazing outpouring is forthcoming and the Lord has been preparing us such an event! It's time to Unify, Pray, and walk in Simple Obedience to the teachings of Christ and the leading of the Holy Spirit.