



# KEYS OF THE KINGDOM

Keys Of The Kingdom Series

Part 5

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Kingdom Authority

The Gospel of Saint Matthew 18:18-20, <sup>18</sup>Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup> Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” 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 Produces the Protocols of His Presence!

- a. Holiness is a central theme of Scripture: God is Holy. Thus, there is a standard of living that is required if we are to be the ones who bear up His presence and become a habitation of His Presence!
- b. Take the following for an example of the need of honoring the Protocol of His Presence. In 1 Chronicles chapter 13, David calls for the Ark to be brought to the City of David BUT David makes a grave mistake.
- c. He goes back in history to when the Philistines sent the Ark back to Israel on a new cart pulled by oxen thus David orders the same process to be implemented again in the escorting of the Ark from Abinidab's house to the City of David.
- d. Then Uzza, who was the son of Abinidab, is killed when he reached out his hand and touched the Ark of the Covenant when the Oxen stumbled while pulling the Cart which caused the Ark to shift upon the cart.
- e. It should be understood that historically the Ark of the Covenant signified the manifest presence of the Lord. Just as the Israelites were able to enjoy His presence, so are we, as New Covenant Believers, able to experience the manifest presence of God!

- f. Listen friends, if we make the mistake of touching God outside of the due order then calamity will follow. When we lose the wonder of His presence; we will make the fatal mistake of treating His presence as common and commit the fatal act of Uzza.
- g. But not only are there Protocols of His Presence... Point #2...

## 2. The Gospel of the Kingdom Opens Portals of His Presence!

- a. The Gospel of Saint Matthew 4:47-51, “<sup>47</sup>Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” <sup>48</sup>Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” <sup>49</sup>Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”<sup>50</sup> Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”
- b. Notice with me that last verse noted in verse 51...
- c. With this verse in mind, what is Christ referencing to that parallels this verse elsewhere in the Bible. It is found in Genesis 28:10-19.

d. Genesis 28:10-12, “<sup>10</sup>Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran.

<sup>11</sup>And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. <sup>12</sup>And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it!”

e. In this passage, we see two parallel texts that both surmise to one point: Heaven being opened and angelic activity being released into the earth. In Jacob’s dream, he sees angels ascending and descending on a ladder into the earth.

f. In Christ’s prophetic insight, He notates that the angelic activity into the earth would be predicated upon Himself being the source of these angels ascending and descending upon Himself.

g. He even goes further than that by saying that his disciples would see this happen with their own eyes. Jacob saw it in a supernatural dream but the Disciples would see it with their eyes in the natural.

h. All throughout Christ’s ministry, we see the notation of angelic activity being involved or referenced in the text.

i. (I will be diving deeper into this topic this coming Wednesday night)

- j. The Gospel of Saint Matthew Chapter 4 notates that after the devil left Christ in the wilderness having finished his temptations; the Scripture says that angels came and ministered unto Christ.
- k. The Gospel of Saint Matthew 26:52-54, <sup>52</sup>“Then Jesus said to him, <sup>53</sup>“Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. <sup>54</sup>Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup>But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?”
- l. While Jesus was being arrested, Christ makes it clear that He could ask the Father for deliverance and angels would be dispatched into the Earth to deliver him. Church, angels are a constant active notation throughout the 4 Gospels in coordination with and in tandem with Christ’s earthly ministry and I do not believe that this activity has ceased.
- m. According to the New Testament text, angels were assisting Christ to do kingdom work in the earth; this is an undeniable fact. But the question begs to be answered when it comes to angels and their activity in the modern sense.
- n. Granted there are strange doctrines and views of this topic but this is what the Bible has to say about the matter.

- o. Hebrews 1:14, **“<sup>14</sup> Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?”**
- p. Church, if the Bible says that angels will be a part of the rapturing of the church then are we naïve to think that they will only be a part of our end and not of our present? If demons are active in the lives of people then we should expect angels to be active in our lives as those who are redeemed because the Bible says they will!
- q. But not only are there Portals of His Presence... Point #3...

### **3. The Gospel of the Kingdom Brings the Power of His Presence!**

- a. In Genesis chapters 2 and 3, we discover the record of man’s creation, and his subsequent fall into sin. One factor found between this creation and fall is the fact that the Lord walked with Adam in what would seem to be a daily event.
- b. It was the fall of man that led to the expulsion from the Garden of Eden and into a world that was nothing like Eden. In the midst of this story, we discover that the Lord had given Adam instructions to be fruitful, multiply, replenish the Earth and subdue it. The First Adam is instructed to multiply Himself in the Earth. And such was the instruction of the Second Adam; the Lord Jesus.

- c. In comparison, Adam was given the garden and was told to replicate what was in the Garden in so that the entire world would imitate the image and likeness of Eden. In this same line of thinking, Jesus was given the Church and thus in turn tells us to do the same!
- d. The Gospel of Saint Matthew 28:16-20, “<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”
- e. Adam was given the garden and told to expand it; Jesus was given the kingdom and told to expand it! It is our job as the Church to expand the kingdom to the whole earth until He comes!
- f. Adam was able to begin the process of accomplishing this goal of expanding the garden because the Glory of God was in the earth daily; God walked with Adam and but Adam ultimately failed due to sin!

- g. Jesus was given authority to expand the kingdom because the Glory of God would manifest through His Church; which is the very expression of the Kingdom. Hence the necessity and paramount emphasis on The Gospel of the Kingdom!
- h. 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, “And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup>and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.”
- i. Paul didn't come in man's wisdom but demonstrating the gospel in signs wonders and miracles; he demonstrated the power and did not place emphasis on his speech or eloquence.
- j. Dear Hearts, if the Power of God required to birth the Church then it will be required to sustain the Church! And I want this power that Paul spoke of to be clearly manifest in our Church body and in our services! And today, the Power is going to manifest in our altars of prayer!