



KEYS OF THE KINGDOM

Keys Of The Kingdom Series

Part 6

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Kingdom Authority and Doors of His Presence

Review of a Point from Sunday to set our Emphasis for the Evening:

The Gospel of Saint Matthew 4:49-51, **“⁴⁹ Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”⁵⁰ 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.”⁵¹ 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.”

With this verse 51 in mind, what is Christ referencing to that parallels this verse elsewhere in the Bible. It is found in Genesis 28:10-19. Genesis 28:10-17, ¹⁰Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ 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. ¹² And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder^[b] 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! ¹³ And behold, the Lord stood above it^[c] and said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. ¹⁴ Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. ¹⁵ Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” ¹⁶ Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it.” ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is

this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

The Hebrew word here found in verse 17 for gate of heaven is “sa-‘ar has-sa-ma-yim) “Sa-‘ar” means “gate or point of entrance; a gate of access to a palace, royal castle, temple or court of the tabernacle” according to the Strong’s Hebrew #8179 “has-sa-ma-yim” is Strong’s Hebrew 8064 and means “heaven, as the abode of God”.

So when I say or use the term “portal”, I’m not seeking to be overtly spiritual but the gate that opened gave access for angels to ascend and descend, Jacob saw the Lord, and the Lord spoke from Heaven into the Earth!

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. He even goes further than that by saying that his disciples would see this happen with their own eyes. Jacob had a supernatural dream but the Disciples would have a supernatural reality!

All throughout Christ’s ministry, we see the notation of angelic activity being involved or referenced in the text; the Scripture says that angels came and ministered unto Christ.

Note the Gospel of Saint Matthew 4:7-11, “⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’” ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.”

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. Take for example what the writer of Hebrews wrote in Hebrews 1:14, “¹⁴ Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?”

As I stated Sunday, 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? I firmly believe that angelic activity is real and present in our day and hour. If we claim to believe the Bible then we have all of the Bible.

Now with this all in mind, some may get hung up on the word Portal so allow me to say, “Portal” or “Door” or “Gate” or “Access Point” or “Windows”. The term defined is simply an access point of earth to touch heaven or heaven to touch the earth.

Whatever we want to call it, it’s not about the term but rather the point I’m seeking to make. There are several examples doors or access points of Heaven found within the Text of Scripture:

1. Abraham and 3 men; angelic activity then judge leaves

- a. Genesis 18:22-25 - Abraham interacts with the Lord and 2 angels that were sent to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah.
- b. Note how the Lord was accompanied by angels.

2. Jacob’s Dream of a Latter into the Heavens with Angels

- a. Jacob Discovered a Heavenly Gate that even he admits to that he was unaware of! Note Genesis 28:16, “¹⁶Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it.” And how often have we failed to discern His presence?
- b. Jacob spent the night in a place where his forefather Abraham had “called upon the name of the Lord”—Genesis 12:8. As he rested his head upon a covenant stone, a supernatural door opened.

- c. Jacob saw a vision of a ladder with angels ascending and descending on it. Eager to mark the specific location where he had encountered the stairway to heaven, Jacob erected a monument and named the place, "Bethel" or "dwelling place of God."
- d. Have you ever wondered why the Lord, who could speak to you anywhere, would instruct you to go somewhere else, so that He could talk with you?
- e. Jesus told us that when we go into our prayer closet and pray to our Father in secret; there are some places that just have a different impact on us than others.
- f. And on a side note, just as Abraham, its interesting how the Lord was seen with angels.

3. Daniel with angels coming to him from 3rd heaven to our dimension.

- a. Doors in the Heavens were opened and the Lord dispatched angels to bring an answer to Daniel.
- b. Daniel 9:21-23, “²¹ while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the first, came to me in swift flight at the time of the evening sacrifice. ²² He made me understand, speaking with me and saying, “O Daniel, I have now come out to give you insight and understanding. ²³ At the beginning of your

pleas for mercy a word went out, and I have come to tell it to you, for you are greatly loved. Therefore consider the word and understand the vision.”

4. Elijah on the Mountain with the prophets of Baal

- a. 1 Kings 18:36-39, “³⁶ And at the time of the offering of the oblation, Elijah the prophet came near and said, “O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your word.³⁷ Answer me, O Lord, answer me, that this people may know that you, O Lord, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back.” ³⁸ Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. ³⁹ And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, “The Lord, he is God; the Lord, he is God.”
- b. It was the fire from heaven that fell into the earth that consumed the offering and brought a wicked generation to its knees. It was a supernatural manifestation from heaven.

5. The Day of Pentecost

- a. Acts 2:1-4, “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. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.”
- b. Verse 3 – divided tongues or Cloven Tongues
- c. Cloven Tongues; why is this one word so important?
- d. Leviticus 11:3, “Whatever parts the hoof and is cloven-footed and chews the cud, among the animals, you may eat.”
- e. Deuteronomy 14:6, “Every animal that parts the hoof and has the hoof cloven in two and chews the cud, among the animals, you may eat.”
- f. Why is the notation in Acts 2:3 so important? Because to the Jewish Mind, if an animal was not cloven footed then it could not go in their mouths; it was unclean to consume. But it is cloven then it is ok to consume because it is pure and not unclean.
- g. Thus when those in the upper room saw cloven tongues of fire appear unto them and then it rested upon them.

- h. The cloven flame was a sign from heaven that this fire is pure and it is ok to let it fill your mouth; thus Tongues manifests!
- i. Tongues is the Manifestation of the Language of Heaven!

6. John the Revelator

- a. Revelation 4:1-3, “After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.” ² At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. ³ And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald.”
- b. Again, a door or an opening of access into the heavens! But in this instance, the door was to receive John up into the 3rd heaven and not an access point of heaven into the earth as in previous passages of texts that I have shared with you.

7. Jesus instructs his disciples to speak Peace over the House or call it back unto themselves

a. The Gospel of Saint Luke 10:1-6, “After this the Lord appointed seventy-two^a others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ² And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’ ⁶ And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you.”

b. To speak His Peace is to release the Kingdom thus our Words impact the atmosphere of where ever we are.