



The Mystery of the Keys

Season 2 Episode 2

INTRODUCTION:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

"Your Kingdom come..."

- The prayers of Jesus gave us His heart for all prayer.
- He wanted to establish the Kingdom of Heaven.
- The "Kingdom of Heaven" and the "Kingdom of God" are mentioned in the New Testament over 100 times.

Questions:

- Why was it that when John the Baptist was imprisoned and could no longer preach this message Jesus started to proclaim it?
- Why was it that when Jesus starts to expand His ministry by choosing twelve disciples He did so with the message of the Kingdom and giving them authority over all the power of the evil one?
 - For 3 ½ years, each day Jesus would demonstrate the Kingdom and mentor these twelve men.
 - He taught them everything concerning the Kingdom.
 - He empowered them to utilize and apply the Kingdom gifts.
 - He imparted to them everything that would concern the coming the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth.

TALKING POINTS: Teaching Session 1

Jesus is concerned with the heart.

- It was very important that the disciples would know and recognize Him for Who He was.

- In Matthew 16 we see that Peter stepped up to confess that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of the living God, the Holy One of Israel, and the One the world was in need of and waiting for. Jesus called him blessed for it!
- Three important principles about the Kingdom:
 - On this rock of revelation (that Jesus was the Son of God) the Church would be built.
 - The gates of hell could not stop this from happening.
 - There are keys to the Kingdom that will be given to those who seek them.

Jesus commanded those present to teach others, who in turn would teach others about the Kingdom.

- Jesus placed twelve men in charge of advancing the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.
- The successful implementation of that Kingdom hinged on their obedience, and so it does with us.
- As soon as Peter recognized and confessed who Jesus was, Jesus vowed to give them keys as to how the Kingdom of Heaven works.
 - The keys He gives are Kingdom principles in which believers can and should live their lives.

The important insights and principles that allow the expansion of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth to take place are found in the Mystery of the Keys of the Kingdom.

TALKING POINTS: Teaching Session 2

Jesus did not say He would give us the keys to the Kingdom, meaning how to get into it.

- He had already proven He was the way into the Kingdom.

Jesus said, He would give us the keys of the Kingdom.

- Those keys apply to anything that is closed or trying to stop the Kingdom.
- "Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."
- Some have thought that the keys were only given to Peter.
 - The "you" Jesus spoke of as He was addressing Peter was not singular—or specifically applying to Peter.

- The word for “you” in the Greek was a plural and was meant to apply to anyone who believed in Who Jesus was.
- Until the coming of Jesus, the manner in which the Kingdom of God would be revealed had been hidden.
 - The Apostle Paul wrote to the Christians in Rome, that because of Jesus the mystery that had been kept secret since the world began was now revealed.

What are the keys of the Kingdom?

- In their basic make up, the keys of the Kingdom destroy the works of the evil one.
- There are two types of keys that do this and they work through righteousness;
 - Power = subdue, conquer, create, and regenerate.
 - Authority = dominion, govern, build, stop or remove something as well as putting authorities in place to have oversight.
- In Luke 9 and Matthew 10, Jesus gave His disciples power and authority it took to cast out demons and to heal all diseases.
 - They were not mature yet and Jesus had to correct their pride.
 - It would be two more years before the day of Pentecost would come and they would be given these gifts to use on a regular basis.

TALKING POINTS: Teaching Session 3

Why did Jesus said his disciples authority over demons and disease?

- Because demons and disease were Satan’s way of trying to destroy all God created.
- When Jesus says, the gates of hell will not prevail He was saying that hell would not be able to protect its activity from the Kingdom of Heaven.
- In the ministry of Jesus there was not a time when the Kingdom of Heaven was not preached. He was always demonstrating the greatness of that Kingdom by healing the sick and performing, miracles, signs, and wonders.
- Jesus told the disciples to go out and “heal the sick, cast out demons, cleanse the lepers, and raise the dead. As they did, they were to tell the people that the Kingdom of Heaven had come to them.

The Kingdom of Heaven is the rule of God justifiably exercised on earth as it always has been in heaven.

- The Kingdom of Heaven is not the same thing as “heaven.”
- It is not a kingdom that is in heaven.

- It is not a kingdom that will begin at some point in the future.
- It all starts with God's rule being formed in you and progresses to God's rule in mankind.

As believers we exist in the midst of two kingdoms—the earthly kingdoms of man and God's kingdom.

- Jesus prayed, "Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."
- It was not the rule of man that He wanted to come, but the rule of the Father, through man, over the evil one.
- As believers we have authority over darkness and evil given to us from that heavenly kingdom.

TALKING POINTS: Teaching Session 4

NINE KEYS TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN: The keys of the Kingdom of Heaven are found in the nine gifts of Holy Spirit—each one destroys evil in one way or another.

1. Word of Knowledge: Encourages a person that God knows them and all they have gone through and will help them become everything He created them to be.
2. Word of Wisdom: Is where the Holy Spirit gives insight and answers from the throne of God to the perplexing situations and circumstances Satan tries to snare you or another person with.
3. Prophecy: Reveals what God wants you to do in the future. Also reveals the plans of evil so you can stop or avoid those traps.
4. Discerning of Spirits: Reveals the source of the spirit that is causing something to happen—whether it is from God or from the evil one.
5. Gifts of Healings: Destroys the illness, disease, infirmity, or affliction brought by Satan and releases the person to become what God created them to be
6. Gift of Miracles: Regenerates or recreates to the original created order what the evil one has tried to destroy.
7. Gift of Faith: It sees how God's plans supersede the plans of Satan. It is more than the general measure of faith given by God, it is a supernatural declaration of something that will come into being. It is brought about by a divine combination of knowledge, wisdom, understanding, and revelation that allow a reality of what God will do before it comes into being.
8. Gift of Tongues: Glorify God and strengthen the spirit of the one who speaks, thus implementing the will of God over the will of Satan.
9. Gift of Interpretation of Tongues: Strengthens those who hear, brings Glory to God, and also implements the will of God over the will of Satan.

CONCLUSION:

As believers, we have the keys of authority to bring into the physical realm the manifestation of the Kingdom of Heaven. However, to experience and operate in these keys and bring that which exists in heaven to earth, we must first know what the keys are and practice them.

Whenever you pray for the sick or the demonized you are destroying the works of the evil one and using the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. There is no demonic activity in heaven and we are to remove it here on earth. There is no sickness in heaven and we are to destroy it here on earth. We have been given Kingdom keys that unlock people from their bondage or illness so that the gates of hell no longer have them locked up.

As God's rule intensifies in your life you will find the growth of His Holy Spirit intensifying as well. The Holy Spirit does not come into your life empty-handed. He knows just what you were created to do and He brings you gifts that are perfectly suited to you and will allow you to accomplish everything God created you to do. Along the way, those gifts will destroy the evil that will try to stop you. As you mature you will find God will use those very gifts to destroy every form of evil that attacks others. Each time this happens, remember, the Kingdom of Heaven has come.