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“Keys of the Kingdom”

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God gives man a free will and a choice, but I learned a long time ago that it is the humble that will hear and be glad in the Lord! Bow down to the Master, for even the wind and the seas bow down and obey Him. Those who have been broken are ready to hear what God has to say. Those who have been humbled have gone through much and are ready to listen.

In order to possess the Kingdom of God you must go through much tribulation, and the only way that you can enter into the Kingdom of God, is you must be Born Again. God knows how to take you through this in stages. As you enter into the Kingdom of God, you are entering into Who He is - into all of His Greatness, His Wonders, and His Glory! How Wonderful and Powerful He truly IS!

In the “Keys of the Kingdom - Part 1”, we began to teach you about the Keys of the Kingdom. It is really interesting that Jesus gave the Keys to Peter, because Peter is a representation of “Faith” in the Word of God, and truly this realm is nothing but “Faith”. I know that some of you reading this may already have an understanding of the Keys, but a

lot of people do not! The Keys of the Kingdom have not been given to everyone, but God still wants every born-again believer to understand that He has given them a responsibility in Christ, and with IT, a certain amount of Authority at His Throne. You see, there are many people who are before the Throne of God; but there are also other individuals that are sitting on the Throne of God with Him! There is a difference between “being before the Throne” and “sitting on the Throne”; and it is the Father that chooses to whom He wants to give the Keys. The “Throne of God” is a representation of God’s Authority and Power. There is a difference between “Authority” and “Power”. The interesting part is that, God is waiting for His Sons to use all that they know in Christ! He wants them to use the Authority that He has given them, not only in their life, but also in all of their situations! God wants you to understand how each Key operates so that you can use THEM.

You see, it’s just like owning a car. Each car has a motor, and some cars have more power than others. These days you’ve got to have some power to get out on

busy highways like Route 66, because the traffic is both heavy and moving very fast. Some cars don’t have enough power to even get on a busy highway like that; but the truth of the matter is, no matter what kind of car you drive, and no matter how powerful it is, no car is going to go anywhere unless if you put gas in it.

In comparison, our strength comes from God Himself; and in Him, you are strong! The bottom line is: your strength comes from your union with God! You are not strong in your own strength, but you are strong in Him! Just as John the Baptist said in John 3:30 (Amplified Bible), “He must increase, but I must decrease [He must grow more prominent; I must grow less so.]”, I have learned that the weaker you are in your own strength, the stronger and more prominent He is in you, and through you! In other words, the less you rely on and do things in your own natural strength, the more you are dependent on the Strength and Power of God. That is the reason why Paul wrote what he did in Philippians 4:13, when he declared, “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” Paul also

wrote in 2Corinthians 12:10 (Amplified Bible) that, "So for the sake of Christ, I am well pleased and take pleasure in infirmities, insults, hardships, persecutions, perplexities and distresses; FOR WHEN I AM WEAK [in human strength], THEN AM I [truly] STRONG (able, powerful in divine strength)." Paul was saying that he rejoiced in all of his infirmities and hardships, because he knew that out of all those infirmities, reproaches, persecutions, and others things he was going through, more Power, Energy, and Anointing in Christ would come! Paul understood that all the things he was going through were not only causing him to depend more on Christ; but all these things were also causing others to recognize that Paul wasn't doing it in his own strength, or even out of his own knowledge. People knew that it wasn't just a lot of empty words there were coming out of him, because behind the Words he was speaking - there was Power! They recognized that the Words he spoke forth were coming from the Spirit of God, because what he spoke brought change, and even did something in the atmosphere around them.

In "Keys of the Kingdom - Part 1", we were teaching you about the "Key of Multiplication." Jesus taught the disciples how to multiply using bread and fish on at least two different occasions that we know of, but you can look that up and read it again for yourself. God is a God of "Multiplication"! The disciples learned that the Key to doing many things, was through Prayer, Praise, and Thanksgiving. They learned that Prayer can

bring change; but Prayer with the Authority of Christ, can bring a lot of change in your life!

Earlier we used the example of having a car. You may have a car that has a powerful motor in it, and you can even put gas in that car to make it go, but if you do not have the "key" to start it, you aren't going anywhere! It doesn't do you any good to have a car, without the "key" to make it work! Now, you have the Fullness of God in you. The Fullness of the Godhead is in you and me bodily, just as it was in Jesus. Colossians 2:9-10 says, "For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power". "The Fullness of God" is not something that we are trying to get - "IT" is something that we already have. "IT" has always been in us, because God is in us. Even so, we still have to grow up (through Christ) into the "Fullness of God". There are also different stages of growing up into that which He wants you to have and possess fully.

Every Born Again believer needs to understand that Christ has given you a certain amount of Authority that is in Him. As you begin to learn and use that Authority; and the more you allow Him to rule over you, the more Authority you will have. You also need to understand that the "Cross" and "Resurrection" go together. You can not separate them. The beautiful thing about this is that God had to separate you unto Himself. Why? Because the Lord is raising up a people unto Himself that are serious about their walk with Him, and they want to be used by Him.

These individuals are hearing the cries of creation. They are hearing the cries of people who are in need.

We need to understand why God gave the "Keys of the Kingdom" to Peter, and if you look at Matthew 16:19, it is talking about certain things that we are able to do with the Keys. Matthew 16:19 says, "And I will give unto thee the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." In the Amplified Bible it says, "I will give you the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven; and whatever you bind (declare to be improper and unlawful) on earth must be what is already bound in heaven; and whatever you loose (declare lawful) on earth must be what is already loosed in heaven." The Amplified Bible brings things out much clearer. What it is saying is that nothing changes in earth until it is first bound in the heavenly atmosphere. So whatever is bound in the heavenly atmosphere brings change into the natural sphere. The good news is that we are learning how to use these keys.

There are different kinds of "Keys" that God gives us, and I have learned about these "Keys" through my walk with the Lord. God didn't give the Keys to a multitude of people. He didn't give them to all the people who were following Jesus, but He did give them to Peter. He gave the Authority to the disciples, and just like we shared last time, Peter didn't go around saying, "Hey, look at me! I've got the

Keys; and I've got the Power...". No he didn't! Notice also that even though Paul had an experience with the Lord, he still had to go to Peter - because Peter had the Keys.

In Matthew 10:1 it is speaking about when Jesus called the twelve disciples to Himself and that He gave them Power. It says, "And when He had called unto Him His twelve disciples, HE GAVE THEM POWER AGAINST UNCLEAN SPIRITS, TO CAST THEM OUT, AND TO HEAL ALL MANNER OF SICKNESS AND ALL MANNER OF DISEASE." Then He sent them forth and told them in verses 7-8, "And as ye go, preach, saying, The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give."

God has given every Born-Again believer Power over the enemy. He said in Luke 10:19, "Behold, I give unto you Power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." In Luke chapter 9 it also talks about when Jesus called the twelve disciples to Himself to give them Power. Then in Chapter 10 He appointed another seventy, giving them Power as well, and He sent them out two by two into every city and place that He would soon come. After a while the seventy came back to Jesus, and in Luke 10:17-20 it says, "And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through Thy Name, And He said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you Power to tread on serpents and scorpions,

and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in Heaven."

They were all excited because the spirits were subject to them in His Name, and that they had to do what ever they commanded them to do. But Jesus basically told them, "Yes, it's true that I have given you the Power to do all these things, but don't get all caught up in and rejoice over the fact that the spirits are now subject to you. Instead, rejoice over the fact that your names are written in Heaven - in the Lamb's Book of Life! That is what I want you to rejoice about!"

One of the Keys of the Kingdom was used to open up the Gospel to the house of Israel. You can see this in the Book of Acts. This same Key was used again to open up the Gospel to Gentiles, but IT couldn't be used until Peter received a vision from the Lord. Until Peter received the vision from the Lord in Acts chapter 10, he was not willing to give the Gentiles anything. Peter even called the Gentiles "Heathens." You really need to read this whole chapter for yourself, but in verses 9-16 it says, "...Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour: And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance, And saw Heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth: Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and

fowls of the air. And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat. But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean. And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into Heaven." At first Peter doubted himself and what the vision meant, but then God sent some men to call on him, and the Spirit of God spoke to Peter confirming that He was the One who had sent them, and that Peter was to go with them. Peter finally started to understand what God was saying to him, and beginning at verse 28, Peter began to speak to a group of Gentiles that had gathered at the home of Cornelius, to hear him. In Verses 28 and 34-36 it says, "And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean... Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him. The Word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching Peace by Jesus Christ: (He is Lord of all:)". Peter continued to minister the Gospel of the Kingdom to this group of Gentiles and speaking to them about Jesus, until finally in verse 34 it says that, "... the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the Word."

It was in this vision that Peter truly saw the Mystery of the

Kingdom of God revealed to him, and that the Mystery of the Kingdom of God is also a part of the Keys. Those who are born-again do not truly realize what they have in Christ.

Matthew chapter 16, verses 16-19 are very familiar scriptures, but just a few verses before in verse 13 Jesus asked his disciples, "...Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" So in verse 14 they said, "...Some say that Thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets." After they answered His question, Jesus then asked them, "...But whom say ye that I am?" There is something that follows that I want you to see. In verse 16-19 it says, "And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but My Father which is in Heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Jesus told Peter that it was the Father that had revealed to him Who He (Jesus) is. He then declared, "thou art Peter, and UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH; and THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT", meaning that the gates of hell will not prevail against "THIS ROCK" ("this Rock" is speaking of "THE CHRIST, the Son of the Living

God") and all who are abiding in "THIS ROCK" (IN CHRIST). Jesus was telling Peter that upon this Rock (Foundation/Truth) which the Father revealed to him about Who Jesus was, and is ("the Christ, the Son of the Living God"), He would build His church; declaring also that the gates of hell will not prevail against the IT: meaning both Rock (the Christ) and His Church, because He was looking at the end result of His Church - finished and as One with Him!

The reason that I wanted to bring this out is because Jesus said that "the Church" is to be built upon "this Rock". The body of Christ is to be built upon THE ROCK, which is Christ Himself; but sadly many in the body of Christ have lost the Power. Because they have lost the Power, and the Power of God is not seen moving in and through the denominations and organized churches which unfortunately make up much of the body of Christ today - they have replaced Christ in many ways with all of their programs. Romans 10:3 says, "For they being ignorant of God's Righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the Righteousness of God."

This is the reason why God had to pull you aside, and by His Grace called you unto Himself! You had to come out of mother (which is the church/woman) and be weaned from her breast. You had to be weaned from the milk of the Word, before the Holy Spirit could give you the meat. You need the meat of the Word to grow up and move on in God. Hebrews 5:13-14 says, "For every

one that useth milk is unskilful in the Word of Righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." God had to separate you unto Himself, "For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto Himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth." (Deuteronomy 14:2).

If you go back and read in both 2Samuel chapter 7 and in 1Chronicles chapter 7, David said that he wanted to build a house of cedar for the Ark of the Covenant to dwell in, but then God sent Nathan the Prophet to speak with David and tell him that he was not to build God a house to live in. In both 2Samuel 7:8-9 and in 1Chronicles 7:7-8 in the Amplified Bible, God also told Nathan to say, "...Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be prince over My people Israel. And I was with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make you a great name, like [that] of the great men of the earth." In other words, God was telling David that there was a time earlier in his life when God called David to himself and said, "David, I have chosen you to be a leader, and you can no longer follow the sheep - you are to lead them." When God begins to pull you aside and separate you unto Himself, it is because He wants to raise you up and give you a position in Him, as both a King and Priest in His Government! It is an everlasting government operating through

out eternity! He has called you to an endless ministry that is neither in, nor is it subject to the realm of time; and He wants you to understand that you are part of the Government of God.

When you are first learning how to use and operate in the Authority of Christ, you have to take baby steps. There are some of you reading this right now that already know how to operate in the Authority of Christ (to various degrees); while others of you are barely using, or not using what God has given you at all. Be honest now! Isn't that true?

It is God's intention that His Church be built upon THE ROCK, and that His Keys (the Keys of the Kingdom) be demonstrated to the body of Christ. To do this He has had to pull different ones aside, just like He did with David, telling him that He had taken him from the "sheepcote" (which means: his home or pleasant place - that which David was familiar with), and that he wasn't to follow the sheep anymore (he wasn't to go along with what everybody else was doing, being lead by the carnal mind and his five senses), because God had called him to sit on the throne as a Prince in His Kingdom and lead His people Israel.

Just like David, God has chosen you and me through the Lord Jesus Christ. He has chosen us through the Blood of the Lamb that He willingly shed on the cross to reconcile all things back to Himself! God handpicked and chose those whom He wanted to be Kings and Priests after the Order of Melchisedec and to rule and reign with Him in the earth. Without Him we can do nothing;

but with Him, and in Him we can do all things! Think on this: Jesus told His disciples in Luke 6:40 that, "The disciple IS NOT ABOVE his Master: but every one that is perfect SHALL BE AS his Master." In other words, Jesus was saying that, "When you become perfect (are perfected and become that perfect man), you will not be above or greater than The Teacher (which is the Lord Jesus Christ), but YOU WILL BE AS HE IS! You will be perfect in every way, and you will do the same things that Jesus did, and does; but you WILL NOT (NEVER) BE above or greater than HE IS, AND ALWAYS WILL BE! Jesus will always be above ALL THINGS, and the Head of His body! He is, and will always be the FIRSTBORN amongst many brethren (Sons), and the Captain of our salvation!

I really like how this same verse (Luke 6:40) reads in the Amplified Bible. It says, "A pupil is not superior to his Teacher, but everyone [when he is] completely trained (readjusted, restored, set to rights, and perfected) will be like his Teacher." Again it is saying that the pupil is NOT SUPERIOR to his Teacher, but when the pupil IS COMPLETELY trained, re-adjusted, restored, and PERFECTED - then will he/she (you and I) BE LIKE his (our) TEACHER (the Lord Jesus Christ)!

We also know from the Word of God that the way we are perfected (become perfect) is no different than the example set for us by Jesus Christ, our Lord. Jesus is both our Teacher and the pattern for us all. He is "...the way, the Truth, and the Life...",

and just like Jesus, we will both learn obedience, and be made perfect, by the things that we suffer. Hebrews 5:8-10 says, "THOUGH HE WERE A SON, YET LEARNED HE OBEDIENCE BY THE THINGS WHICH HE SUFFERED; and BEING MADE PERFECT, HE BECAME THE AUTHOR OF ETERNAL SALVATION unto all them that obey Him; Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec."

In Hebrews 2:10-11 it says that Jesus will be the Captain over many Sons. "FOR IT BECAME HIM, for Whom are all things, and by Whom are all things, IN BRINGING MANY SONS UNTO GLORY, TO MAKE THE CAPTAIN OF THEIR SALVATION PERFECT THROUGH SUFFERINGS. FOR BOTH HE THAT SANCTIFIETH and THEY WHO ARE SANCTIFIED ARE ALL ONE: for which cause HE IS NOT ASHAMED TO CALL THEM BRETHREN...". Here again it is speaking of how it was in the plan of God for the Captain of our Salvation - Jesus Christ, to be made perfect through sufferings; and that He is bringing many Sons unto Glory! As we follow our Captain we too are being made perfect through sufferings, "For those whom He foreknew [of whom He was aware and loved beforehand], He also destined from the beginning [foreordaining them] to be molded into the Image of His Son [and share inwardly His Likeness (Nature)], that He might become the firstborn among many brethren (Sons)." (Amplified Bible - Romans 8:29). Not only are we being molded into His Image and after His Likeness (Nature), but Jesus also said in John 14:12,

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, THE WORKS THAT I DO SHALL HE DO ALSO; AND GREATER WORKS THAN THESE SHALL HE DO; because I go unto my Father."

The reason I am talking about this, is to help you understand how vitally important it is for you to get your priorities in order, and for you to realize the importance of your position in Christ!

I want to share with you the good news of something that happened recently. Not long ago, the Lord sent an individual here from Venezuela. When the Lord sends people to you, He is not just ministering to that individual, but He is also ministering to their generations, and the nation/country where they are from. When He ministers to their generations, because of many individual's mixed heritage back through time, He could be ministering to many more nations as well. Nothing is hidden from God, and Colossians 1:20 says, **"And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile ALL THINGS unto Himself; by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven."** When this particular individual came here, God had us tell her that her coming here was not just about her, but it was also for her family. God wanted to minister to her mother and also to the country of Venezuela as well. The Lord then ministered and interceded through the body here to bring change in this young woman's life; in her mother's life; and in the country of Venezuela. I am sharing this with you so that you will be able to understand

how God can work, and what He did through us - because it doesn't take many people to bring change. As long as God can find a group of likeminded people where there is unity, and that want to be used by Him, He will work wonderfully and miraculously through them. Out of that unity comes the flow of Christ's Power and Anointing, and it is truly amazing what happened.

A few months after God had ministered to this individual, she went back to Venezuela. Then, one night shortly after she had returned to her country, I turned on the TV and heard the word "Venezuela." It caught my attention, and a man being interviewed was saying that he had travelled a very long distance to get there, and that 5,000 ministers in Venezuela had sent an invitation to Benny Hinn to come and minister the Gospel of the Kingdom to Venezuela. Not only that, but he said that the Governor had just accepted Christ as his personal Savior, and that he (the Governor) is also the President of Venezuela's best friend. Right then, God reminded me of the work that He had done through His Army (the body here) when He had brought that individual here for us to minister to not only her, but to her family and the country of Venezuela as well.

I then remembered the Sunday just before she returned to her country. She really didn't want to go back to her country, because she was afraid of the way things were there. She was fearful, because when they vote there, there is great turmoil. People are constantly in fear of

being killed, and of the uprisings that goes on during these times there. The people were already afraid of another uprising taking place at that particular time; and this young woman did not want to return to her home there. I remember her asking us to pray that the leader would be removed - but then God spoke and said that He puts each leader in power, and that He also removes them when it is His time to do so. He then said that it was not yet His time to remove this man.

This young woman had actually come here twice from her country, and the interesting thing was that the second time the Lord brought her here to be ministered to, He also brought her mother with here to be ministered to. After God ministered to her mother and they eventually went back to their country, the mother was made a judge in the Venezuela government. However, as time went on she was able to see how corrupt the government was, and as a result of this she quit her job.

Another interesting thing that happened after her returning home the second time, was that the young woman called and told my son that she had recently heard that the President of Venezuela has said he doesn't like the Catholics there, but he does like the Christians. He said that the reason why he doesn't like the Catholics is because they are trying to take over and rule everything; but he really likes the Christians. Now this, along with what the man who was interviewed on TV said about the fact that the Governor there had just accepted Christ as his personal Savior, and the fact that

this Governor is also the best friend of the President of Venezuela - well God only knows where this going to go next. I also remember hearing Benny Hinn say one day as I was changing channels, that God had told him two weeks prior to the invitations coming to him, that he would be going to Venezuela.

You need to understand that when you get in the Spirit and allow the Lord to minister through you how ever, to whom ever, and where ever in the world He wants, that yes, you may be sitting in one place in the natural, and God may not always show you everything (or even what) He is doing at the time - but that doesn't matter, because eventually, in His time, He will show you the changes He has brought about through you in the world. Be patient and know that God is bringing about His will and Kingdom in the earth as it pleases Him; and Praise Him not only for what He is doing, but also because within the Glorious Plan that He wrote even before the foundation of the world, He chose to separate you and me unto Himself, to bring about these changes through us!

In "Keys of the Kingdom - Part 1", we taught from the Word of the Lord that Jesus Christ has ALL Power and ALL Authority in heaven and in earth. In seeking the Lord about this, I asked Him, **"Lord, why don't we see this in the world today? I know that you have ALL Power! I know that You created everything! I know that You rose above all principalities and powers, and are in that realm even now! I know that You have caught us up in that same realm with You!**

I understand all that, but why do I not see the manifestation of these things in the world today?" The Lord then spoke to me very clearly, and said, **"BECAUSE MY SONS WILL NOT TAKE UP THEIR POSITIONS IN ME AND MY KINGDOM! BECAUSE MY SONS WILL NOT TAKE THE POSITIONS WHICH I HAVE CALLED THEM TO IN MY GOVERNMENT, WHERE I CAN USE THEM FOR MY GLORY AND TO BRING ABOUT CHANGE!"** He said, **"I HAVE GIVEN YOU THE AUTHORITY!"** We have got to learn how to use IT, and to take IT seriously! We must get our priorities in order!

Now I want to get back to something, because you need to understand that more of a change God causes to take place in your life, the more Power will flow out of you to reach creation and set it free! But you may ask, "Well what is the Government of God supposed to do?" If you go to 1Timothy 2:1, it says, **"I exhort therefore, that, FIRST OF ALL, SUPPLICATIONS, PRAYERS, INTERCESSIONS, and GIVING OF THANKS, BE MADE FOR ALL MEN."** All of these are different words for "Prayer". In "Keys of the Kingdom - Part 1", we learned that one of the "Keys of the Kingdom" is "Prayer". We also found out that when we use the "Key of Prayer" it causes the "Key of Multiplication" to take affect. Continuing on in verse 2 of this same chapter, it says, **"For KINGS, AND FOR ALL THAT ARE IN AUTHORITY; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all Godliness and honesty."** If the body of Christ and the Sons of God were to take

their positions in Christ, can you imagine what it would be like in the world today? Verses 3-6 go on to say, **"FOR THIS IS GOOD AND ACCEPTABLE IN THE SIGHT OF GOD OUR SAVIOUR; WHO WILL HAVE ALL MEN TO BE SAVED, and TO COME UNTO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH. FOR THERE IS ONE GOD, and ONE MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MEN, THE MAN CHRIST JESUS; WHO GAVE HIMSELF A RANSOM FOR ALL, to be testified in due time."**

We need to get into "Binding" and "Loosening" a bit now, because another "Key of the Kingdom" is "The Key to Bind and Loose" (a "Key to Open All Doors and to Close All Doors") and you need to understand what all this truly means. If we go to the Book of Acts, in chapter 16 beginning at verse 22, Paul and Silas were beaten and then thrown into prison. However, Paul had the understanding of how some of the Keys worked, so in verses 25-26 it go on to say that, **"...at midnight Paul and Silas PRAYED, and SANG PRAISES UNTO GOD: and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately ALL THE DOORS WERE OPENED, AND EVERY ONE'S BANDS WERE LOOSED."** It is important that you read the rest of this chapter for yourself, because just like Paul and Silas, God has also anointed you. You have been anointed to set the captives free and to heal the broken hearted, and God has given you this anointing through the Lord Jesus Christ!

You may be saying to yourself, "Well I just started in Christ, and I'm a Nobody." But even if you are new at this, that's okay! Just use what you know and understand! Paul had an understanding of how to use one of those Keys. Paul knew how to get free and out of prison, but he was not just interested in himself - he wanted all of the prisoners in that prison to be set free!

If you turn to Isaiah 61:1-2, it says, "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and THE OPENING OF PRISON DOORS TO THEM THAT ARE BOUND; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn...". God has placed this same anointing on you and me, so that He can use us for HIS KINGDOM and HIS GLORY! But how can you rule with Him, until you first learn how to rule over your own house? How can you rule with Him, until you let Him teach you how to first rule over your own house (your mind, your soul, and your body), and to bring all the little children in your house (all the areas of immaturity that remain within you) under subjection to the Christ that is in you?

All those little boys and all those little girls in us, still just want to play; but when you truly allow Christ to deal with those things in you, you are going to have a greater compassion for people; a greater desire for God to use you; and a deep longing or

pull within your heart to take time out where you can quiet mind, arise in the Spirit, and minister to the Lord each and every day!

You will want to start each with the Lord, nurturing and experience the Love Affair you have with Him - knowing that **the only way you can truly be used of Him, is to be a Priest first!** Out of being a Priest unto Him - you will Praise Him, Worship Him; give Thanks unto Him; and ask Him to use you for His Glory! God has placed a great anointing and calling upon your life, and if you don't want IT to grow dormant in any way - each day you will not only need to learn how to use what the Lord has given you, but also in Faith you will need to exercise what He has given you!

Now we know that Isaiah chapter 61 is talking first and foremost about Jesus Christ, but where ever it say "me" you can also put your name in there, because God has anointed you and called you for this same purpose. Even Jesus said in John 14:12, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, THE WORKS THAT I DO SHALL HE (they - the Sons of God - you and me) DO ALSO; AND GREATER WORKS THAN THESE SHALL HE (we - the Sons of God) DO; because I go unto My Father."

As you read on in Isaiah chapter 61, it becomes even more clear that God is describing both Jesus and us, anointing us the same anointing, "...that HE might be Glorified." Understanding now the importance of what God is saying here, and that it is speaking of

you as well, we need to go back and read Isaiah 61 again beginning from verse 1. It says, "The SPIRIT OF THE LORD GOD IS UPON ME; because THE LORD HATH (past tense) ANOINTED ME to preach good tidings unto the meek; HE HATH (past tense) SENT ME to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and THE OPENING OF PRISON DOORS TO THEM THAT ARE BOUND; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn...". Yes, verses 1 and 2 are clearly speaking of Jesus Christ who was to come, but they are also speaking about us - those that would come after Him, in His Image and after His Likeness (Nature) - for He is the Firstborn among many Brethren (Sons of God in the earth). We have been given the same anointing, and as we read on in verses 3 to 6 it is speaking here of how we will not only do the same works that Jesus would do, but it is now speaking here of the greater works that we shall do - because Jesus went to the Father!

Beginning at verse 3 it says, "TO APPOINT UNTO THEM that mourn IN ZION, TO GIVE UNTO THEM beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; THAT THEY MIGHT BE CALLED TREES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, THE PLANTING OF THE LORD, THAT HE MIGHT BE GLORIFIED. And THEY SHALL BUILD the old wastes, THEY SHALL RAISE UP the former desolations, and THEY SHALL REPAIR the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. And strangers shall stand and

feed YOUR flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be YOUR plowmen and YOUR vinedressers. But YE SHALL BE NAMED THE PRIESTS OF THE LORD: men shall call YOU THE MINISTERS OF OUR GOD: YE shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall YE boast YOURSELVES."

Now if you read this same section of scripture over again in the Amplified Bible, it brings out even more of what is being said here. It says, "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, because THE LORD HAS ANOINTED and QUALIFIED ME to preach the Gospel of good tidings to the meek, the poor, and afflicted; HE HAS SENT ME to bind up and heal the brokenhearted, TO PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO THE [PHYSICAL and SPIRITUAL] CAPTIVES and THE OPENING OF THE PRISON AND OF THE EYES TO THOSE WHO ARE BOUND...". Here in the Amplified Bible, it is saying that you have been "anointed and qualified", and that God has sent you to minister to the captives in both the physical/natural realm and the spiritual realm! Glory to God!

I recently saw a movie, and I want to tell you that I only go to see a movie if God tells me to, because I refuse to allow the corruption that is in most movies today to enter into my mind. If it doesn't have any Life in it, then I don't want to see it, or hear it! God told me to go see this movie, and it was based on a true story. The name of the movie was, "Amazing Grace", and it was about a man in England back in the late 1700's and early 1800's, that was both a Member of Parliament and a Lawyer. In time

this man became a Christian, and God gave him a vision of what his purpose was. This man's name was William Wilberforce, and there was a force in him that drove him to do what He was called to do. God gave this man the understanding of why he was here, and God also sent a small group of others with the same vision to stand by him and to encourage him to do all that he could to bring down slavery in the British Empire, and to set the slaves free. One of the men that God brought to William, was a man by the name of John Newton. John was a former slaver and slave boat captain, who eventually came to know the Lord as his Savior and became a well known minister of the gospel in that time period. Years later, John Newton was also the person who wrote the song, "Amazing Grace".

For years, John had been witness to, participated in, and even oversaw the deplorable treatment of the slaves upon these ships. The slaves were beaten and chained in the belly of these ships, and for a minimum of three weeks (if the weather was good) they were forced to lay and live in their own blood and excrement (where often two thirds of them would die during each crossing); where the stench of death and everything else on board these ships was so bad that generally after three or four ocean crossings they would literally have to burn the ship and get a new one. Even after John had asked the Lord to be his savior one night during a great storm at sea, John continued to work on, and captain these slave boats. Towards the end of his shipping

days he did ensure that the slaves were treated more humanely, but never did he think to set them free. It was not until years later when God called him to ministry that he became an abolitionist. John never forgot the horrors he witnessed and participated in working in the slave trade and on slave ships; but when the time was right, God used John to support and encourage William Wilberforce and others in the Anti-Slavery/Abolitionist movement of that time. He became a man who had great compassion for others, and for the last thirty years of his life he ministered the Gospel of Christ, wrote hundreds of worship songs, and spoke out against slavery whenever and wherever he had the opportunity to do so.

In the movie John Newton had William Wilberforce and others go aboard an empty slave boat to witness for themselves the stench and deplorable conditions in which the slaves would have to endure while chained by their neck, ankles, and wrists for the entire three week or more ocean crossings in the belly of these ships. In the movie, John told William that he felt that all the slaves were still with him; that they were like ghosts surrounding him, but that he did not know how to deal with all of it. William was trying to decide how best he could serve God, and whether or not he should give up politics and pursue His Faith in God, or to remain in politics. But John told William that he could do both; that William had the law, and in Parliament God could use him to both live out his Faith by trying to put a stop to slavery.

Well I want to tell you as well, that you have the law! You have the law of God; the law of Liberty; and the law of Faith! You have the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus to bring forth a Righteous judgment, because the Melchizedek Priesthood which you and I have been called after in Christ - is an endless ministry of Righteousness, Peace, Life, and Love! It is endless, and in that realm, because you are no longer limited by time, you can go anywhere in time! In Christ, you can minister in the present, the past, or the future as the Spirit of God takes you there, and ministers through you!

In the days of William Wilberforce and John Newton, they couldn't do this. All they knew was the natural, and after William Wilberforce saw and smelled for himself what these people had to endure on the slave ships, he fought with everything he had to stop these atrocities and set the slaves free. This brother had such compassion for the people and what he was called to do, that in time he became very ill in his body as a result of the great spiritual weights and responsibilities he was constantly carrying upon his shoulders. He was mocked in Parliament, and still he would not give up. He even brought some of the chains off of a ship into Parliament, and provided records of the multitudes that had died. He took others to the ships to experience what he himself had done previously; and then surely but slowly he began to turn the hearts and opinions of many others to putting a stop to what was going on. After many years of battling with everything he had in

Parliament, in the courts, and in public to bring change - his health got so bad that he finally had to resign from Parliament. The last ten years of his life, William Wilberforce continued to travel and speak out against slavery, while also doing all that he could to try and get more abolitionist politicians elected to Parliament. As his health continued to fail, in spite of all that he had done over the years, William thought that he had failed. But then just 3 days before his death, he heard that an agreement had finally been worked out in government that would guarantee the passing of a Bill for the Abolition of Slavery, and that he had been formally recognized for his many years of hard work to bring this about. One month later the "Slavery Abolition Act" was passed, which abolished slavery in most of the British Empire. No matter what the cost to himself, and even though doubt had entered into William Wilberforce's mind at times, he never walked away from what God had called him to do in setting the captives (slaves) free. By the Mercy and Grace of God, slavery was brought to an end and the slaves were finally set free.

I've learned through Christ that "*...His Mercy endureth for ever*", and I also understand why "*...the throne of David shall be established before the LORD for ever.*" It's because David is singing the mercies of the Lord to all generations through out time! From generation to generation, David will continue to sing that song, just as he wrote in Psalm 89:1, "*...I will sing of the Mercies of the LORD for ever: with my*

mouth will I make known Thy Faithfulness to ALL GENERATIONS."

I really am not into movies, but there was a point that I wanted to bring out, and this is why I mentioned it. Wilberforce had thought that he failed; and when you and I come up against a lot of opposition, we sometimes think that we have failed. But we haven't failed, because we always have the victory in Christ! In this realm we can't go by feelings, or by what we see, or hear. You've got to know, that you know, that IT IS FINISHED, because the battle was won on the cross! The enemy has been defeated, and we need to use both what Christ did on the cross, as well as the Throne (which is the authority of God) to be the Overcomers He has called us to be! We need to walk in the understanding that by the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, spirits not only tremble at the sound of His Voice spoken through us, but many bow down immediately as well!

The point that I want to get across here, is that Paul truly understood what it meant to be a prisoner. Yes, they were in the natural realm, but Paul also understood that the way to set the captives/prisoners free - was to pray and praise God! I mean, can you just imagine all those prisoners hearing Paul and Silas singing and praising the Lord? Likewise, every time you begin praising and worshipping God in Spirit and in Truth and you arise in Him - prisoners in both the visible and invisible realms are hearing the voice of the Lord! The Gospel of Christ is being preached to all those people no

matter where they are in the world, and that's the Good News!

Every prisoner in that prison heard Paul and Silas singing and praising the Lord, and then all of the sudden they felt that jailhouse being shaken as God caused an earthquake to not only open the doors of every cell, but also to cause the chains to fall off of every man there as well. They were all set free, including Paul; but Paul would not leave until the guard who was in charge was set free as well. This man was going to kill himself, but Paul had compassion on him, and it says in Acts 16:27-33, *"And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here. Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the Word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway."* Lord, have Mercy, for He will seek after even that one lamb that is lost!

Now I remember a particular time years ago when God sent me to minister to some people; and we were trying to share with them about ruling and reigning with Christ now. The people there said that really loved the Word. They really

loved learning that they had authority in Christ. Then, after travelling back to see them 2 or 3 more times, I noticed that something in them had changed. They told me that they didn't want anymore to do what I had shared with them. Then God gave me a dream, and in the dream I was crying out to Him, asking why they didn't want IT? And I will never forget this dream, because God showed me that they had chosen a different path, where everything was easy; and that on it they were having fun, enjoying the things of the world. On this path they were so caught up in their families, and in themselves. But then all of the sudden I heard a groaning and a cry, and as I looked to my right I saw this little lamb that was caught in a deep ditch. The little lamb was crying because it was in a state of hell. It was crying out to be released. Then I heard God say, "Joyce, you can't take that path. You can't take the path they are on, because I have called you to a different path." As long as I hear the cry of creation, and as long as I see someone that is bound, I will always have a drive and desire within me to do everything that I can to set them free! I also know that I cannot do it myself (in my own power), but I can do all things through Christ! I've been crying out to God to give the body here more Power, and IT is already escalating; but I am still crying out to God for more.

The Lord spoke to me earlier this year, and said, "I am getting ready to bring some things in your life, and in the rest of My Sons' lives to and end, because "Seven" means Completion and

Perfection, and I am going to complete some areas in your life this year. I decree it this day, that some things in your life will be completed, and the only thing you have got to do is have a willing heart and be obedient unto Me. When I complete it, there is going to be a Power Joyce, that is going to be like a flood." Several weeks ago He spoke this to me again, but He told me to say nothing to the body yet.

I want to encourage you, and I want you to understand the position that God has called you to. If you have just started in the Kingdom message, we are willing to talk with you and to send you tapes to help you in your walk; and yes, you've got to start out small; but know also that God is doing a quick work in this hour! He is doing things, and bringing change within those who are willing to commit their lives to Him, at a rate that is so much faster than when He first brought me and others here into this.

Now have you ever noticed in the natural, that when the police are out in plain view - everyone behaves themselves? You see, the law is not for the Righteous, it is for the lawless, and 1Timothy 1:9-11 (Amplified Bible) confirms this. *"Knowing and understanding this: that the Law is not enacted for the righteous (the upright and just, who are in right standing with God), but for the lawless and unruly, for the ungodly and sinful, for the irreverent and profane, for those who strike and beat and [even] murder fathers and strike and beat and [even] murder mothers, for manslayers, [For] impure and immoral*

persons, those who abuse themselves with men, kidnapers, liars, perjurers--and whatever else is opposed to wholesome teaching and sound doctrine As laid down by the glorious Gospel of the blessed God, with which I have been entrusted." Have you ever seen people going down the road doing eighty miles per hour, and then all of the sudden, as soon as they see a police car they slow down to the speed limit and obey the law? The same is true when they see a police officer in his uniform, standing in the middle of an intersection. People know by the officer's uniform that he or she represents the law, and the government. All the police officer has to do is hold up his hand and point, and people take notice and obey him/her.

Well you and I represent the Government of God, and we are to be clothed in His Righteousness, and as it says in Romans chapter 13, we are to "put on the armor of Light" and "the Lord Jesus Christ!" Romans 13:10-14 says, "Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore LOVE IS THE FULFILLING OF THE LAW. And that, knowing the time, that NOW IS HIGH TIME TO AWAKE OUT OF SLEEP: FOR NOW IS OUR SALVATION NEARER THAN WHEN WE FIRST BELIEVED. The night is far spent, THE DAY IS AT HAND: LET US THEREFORE CAST OFF THE WORKS OF DARKNESS, AND LET US PUT ON THE ARMOUR OF LIGHT. LET US WALK HONESTLY, AS IN THE DAY; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. BUT PUT YE ON THE

LORD JESUS CHRIST, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof." "For this corruptible MUST PUT ON INCORRUPTION, and this mortal MUST PUT ON IMMORTALITY." (1Corinthians 15:53). Ephesians 4:24 also says that we are to "...PUT ON THE NEW MAN, WHICH AFTER GOD IS CREATED IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND TRUE HOLINESS." Ephesians 6:10-18 (Amplified Bible) says, "In conclusion, BE STRONG IN THE LORD [BE EMPOWERED THROUGH YOUR UNION WITH HIM]; DRAW YOUR STRENGTH FROM HIM [that strength which His boundless might provides]. PUT ON GOD'S WHOLE ARMOR [the armor of a heavy-armed soldier which God supplies], that you may be able successfully to stand up against [all] the strategies and the deceits of the devil. For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere. Therefore PUT ON GOD'S COMPLETE ARMOR, that you may be able to resist and stand your ground on the evil day [of danger], and, having done all [the crisis demands], to stand [firmly in your place]. STAND therefore [hold your ground], HAVING TIGHTENED THE BELT OF TRUTH AROUND YOUR LOINS and HAVING PUT ON THE BREAST PLATE OF INTEGRITY AND OF MORAL RECTITUDE AND RIGHT STANDING WITH GOD, AND HAVING SHOD

YOUR FEET IN PREPARATION [to face the enemy with the firm-footed stability, the promptness, and the readiness produced by the Good News] OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE. LIFT UP OVER ALL THE [COVERING] SHIELD OF SAVING FAITH, upon which you can quench all the flaming missiles of the wicked [one]. And TAKE THE HELMET OF SALVATION and THE SWORD THAT THE SPIRIT WIELDS, which is THE WORD OF GOD. PRAY AT ALL TIMES (on every occasion, in every season) IN THE SPIRIT, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. To that end KEEP ALERT AND WATCH WITH STRONG PURPOSE AND PERSEVERANCE, INTERCEDING IN BEHALF OF ALL THE SAINTS (God's consecrated people)." And finally, as Colossians 3:14 says, "And above all of these PUT ON LOVE...".

Paul wrote in Philippians chapter 3, that he was willing to count all things as dung, that he "might win Christ", and "BE FOUND IN HIM", not having his "...own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the FAITH OF CHRIST, THE RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH IS OF GOD by Faith," that he "...might know Him, and the Power of His Resurrection...". It is time for God's Sons to take their positions in Him, and to be found IN HIM! Just as a police officer is recognized by his or her uniform in this world, so too will those that are of God and His Government be recognized, for they shall appear like Him! In Micah 4:1-2 it says, "...in the last days it shall come to pass, that THE MOUNTAIN OF THE HOUSE OF THE LORD shall be established in the top of the

mountains, and IT shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto IT. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to THE MOUNTAIN OF THE HOUSE OF THE LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for the law (the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus) shall go forth of Zion, and the Word of the LORD from Jerusalem." Jesus said in Matthew 22:14 that, "...many are called, but few are chosen." The mountain is speaking of a people that have become the Government of God in the earth. A people who have put on the Image and Likeness and Mind of Christ Himself; and the nations of the earth will recognize and know that this ONE NEW MAN that has come on the scene, has what they need, and as ONE they shall point the people of the nations to God and His Kingdom!

Do you remember the story in 1Samuel chapter 14, where Saul got angry with Jonathan for eating some honey? Jonathan had an idea about how to deal with the Philistines, and then without Saul or anyone else knowing, Jonathan left with his armor-bearer to tell him of his plan. The two of them set out together. Jonathan had his sword, and his armor-bearer would have brought his bow and arrows.

There is a teaching on the "Arrows" as well. You see, you are His "Bow", and His "Arrows" are within you. His "Arrows" are the Word and the Spirit, but in order to use you as His "Bow", He must first break you to where you are willing to bend to His

will. Once you are broken He can easily bend you to His will and use you to send His Word at which ever target He chooses, and accomplish all that IT is sent to do.

When Jonathan left the others with Saul and took his armor-bearer with him, it says in verse 4, "And between the passages, by which Jonathan sought to go over unto the Philistines' garrison, there was a sharp rock on the one side, and a sharp rock on the other side; and the name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh." Basically, Jonathan got an idea and positioned himself between two sharp rocks, and there he told the young man of his plan. If you study out the original Hebrew words, the rocks that Jonathan positioned himself between, represented, "a high place." That is where you and I must get into - "a high place". You must get in Christ, because "...your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, Who is our Life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in Glory." (Colossians 3:3-4).

Then in verses 6-7 it says, "And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the LORD will work for us; for there is no restraint to the LORD TO SAVE BY MANY or BY FEW. And his armourbearer said unto him, Do all that is in thine heart: turn thee; behold, I am with thee according to thy heart." Jonathan believed that God was going to favor them that day by giving them victory over the enemy - and so He will with us, but first we must arise in Christ, and stay

there. We must abide in Him, because the victory is ours, "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the LORD of hosts." (Zechariah 4:6). The Victory is in Christ - and in Him alone! You will not have victory over the enemy by going to battle in your own strength. It will come by the Spirit of Christ as you abide in Him.

In 1Samuel 14:8-12 (NKJV), this is what Jonathan said to his armor-bearer. "...Very well, let us cross over to these men, and we will show ourselves to them. If they say thus to us, 'Wait until we come to you,' then we will stand still in our place and not go up to them. But if they say thus, 'Come up to us,' then we will go up. For the LORD has delivered them into our hand, and this will be a sign to us." So both of them showed themselves to the garrison of the Philistines. And the Philistines said, "Look, the Hebrews are coming out of the holes where they have hidden." Then the men of the garrison called to Jonathan and his armorbearer, and said, "Come up to us, and we will show you something." Jonathan said to his armorbearer, "Come up after me, for the LORD has delivered them into the hand of Israel." You see, before going into battle, Jonathan first wanted a sign from God that would confirm that they were on the right track, and that God was going to give them the victory. When God confirmed to them that the victory was theirs, they didn't hesitate at all. They acted upon it in Faith, knowing and trusting that God was with them, and the victory was theirs for the taking.

At first the two of them killed 20 men of the Philistine

garrison. Then God caused an earthquake to take place that caused the Philistines to become so confused that they started killing each other while trying to run away. God gave the victory to Jonathan and his armor-bearer, and then the Israelites saw what was happening and reported it to Saul. Saul then had a roll call taken to find out who was missing, and they found out that only Jonathan and his armor-bearer were gone. Saul then called for the ark to be brought, and without Jonathan and his armor-bearer there, he told all of the men that no one was to have anything to eat at all until evening, after he had taken vengeance on his enemies. Now there is a lot more to this story and why Saul became so angry with Jonathan that he was ready to kill his own son, but you can read it for yourself! But then in verse 45 (NKJV) it says that, "...the people said to Saul, "Shall Jonathan die, WHO HAS ACCOMPLISHED THIS GREAT DELIVERANCE IN ISRAEL?"" (In the Amplified Bible it says, "...this great deliverance TO ISRAEL) "Certainly not! As the LORD lives, not one hair of his head shall fall to the ground, FOR HE HAS WORKED WITH GOD THIS DAY..."". Even the people recognized that because Jonathan had worked with God that day, God gave Jonathan the victory; and through him, He saved Israel.

You see, God doesn't need large numbers of people to do what He wants. He can work through just a few. He only needs a few people who are serious and want to be used by Him. Jonathan took with him only his

armor-bearer, and with his sword and the arrows they carried, they destroyed the enemy. The Philistines were defeated; the earth shook; and all the spirits in the invisible realm shook as well.

Do you realize that every time you get in the Spirit, the kingdom of darkness is shaken? It is shaken because God is tearing down what is in the invisible realm, to bring about what He wants to establish in the visible realm. He is issuing in His Kingdom for His Glory. Isn't God Good? I thank the Lord for how Great and Wonderful He is!

Every born-again believer is of a chosen generation, and called to a Royal Priesthood; but even though many are called, few are chosen to be Kings and Priests after the Melchisedec order! This is the Highest order, Jesus Himself being the First born amongst many Brethren, and "...first being by interpretation King of Righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of Peace...a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec." (Hebrews 2:7 and 17).

You may remember in Matthew 20:20-28, that the mother of two of Jesus disciples, James and John, which Jesus called "the sons of thunder", one day came worshipping Him, and wanting to ask Him one thing. When Jesus asked her what she desired of Him, she said to Him, "Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in Thy Kingdom." In verse 22 it says, "But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I

am baptized with? They say unto Him, We are able." Jesus was really saying to them, "Are you willing to partake of the cup of suffering? Are you willing to go through the Baptism of Fire? Are you willing to be rejected and despised by all men?" But then He told them that, "...Ye shall drink indeed of My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on My right hand, and on My left, is not Mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of My Father."

An individual that has the Keys of the Kingdom can see in the Spirit realm. They have a "Key to the Mysteries of the Kingdom", and with IT they can unlock all the mysteries of the Kingdom of God. They have the "Key to the Solutions of Problems", and they have the understanding of what "Binding" and "Loosing" means. They have the "Key to Control", but notice that it is not for their own control, it is His Control.

Peter understood his position in Christ and the Keys that were given to him. He was an Apostle, and yet he instructed the body of Christ to submit to one another. He said that we are to submit to the elders, but he also said that those who were feeding the flock were not to rule over them. In 1Peter 5:1-5 (Amplified Bible) he wrote, "I WARN and counsel the elders among you (the pastors and spiritual guides of the church) as a fellow elder and as an eyewitness [called to testify] of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a sharer in the Glory (the honor and splendor) that is to be revealed (disclosed, unfolded): Tend (nurture, guard, guide, and fold) the flock of God that is

[your responsibility], not by coercion or constraint, but willingly; not dishonorably motivated by the advantages and profits [belonging to the office], but eagerly and cheerfully; Not domineering [as arrogant, dictatorial, and overbearing persons] over those in your charge, but being examples (patterns and models of Christian living) to the flock (the congregation). And [then] when the Chief Shepherd is revealed (in you and me), you will win the conqueror's Crown of Glory. Likewise, you who are younger and of lesser rank, be subject to the elders (the ministers and spiritual guides of the church)-- [giving them due respect and yielding to their counsel]. Clothe (apron) yourselves, all of you, with humility [as the garb of a servant, so that its covering cannot possibly be stripped from you, with freedom from pride and arrogance] toward one another. For God sets Himself against the proud (the insolent, the overbearing, the disdainful, the presumptuous, the boastful)-- [and He opposes, frustrates, and defeats them], but gives Grace (favor, blessing) to the humble."

A good shepherd will be an example. A teacher is to be an example, just as Jesus was an example to his disciples.

An individual that has the Key of the Kingdom also has the "Key of Prayer"; the "Key of Faith", the "Key of Blessing and Giving", and the "Key of Multiplication". A "Key" represents "Ownership". There are other "Keys" as well. Some we mentioned in "Keys of the Kingdom - Part 1. If you haven't read it yet, you need to go back and read it.

If you are younger in the Lord and have just been filled with the Holy Spirit, don't worry about whether or not you understand all of this or not. Only use what you know and understand. We are all responsible for what we know and understand in Christ, and God wants us to operate in those things by Faith, as He directs you to.

If you understand that Jesus Christ is in you, and that He has given you the Power and Authority to bring change through the Anointing He has placed on your life, then you are to use the Anointing and Keys of the Kingdom that you understand. Instead of begging God to do something for you all the time, He wants you to use the Anointing and Power He has already given you.

Unfortunately, that is what most of the body of Christ does right now. They beg God to do everything for them. Why? Because they don't know any better. They have never grown up in Christ, and much of the body of Christ is in the same position as those that Paul was writing to in Hebrews 5:12-14 (Amplified Bible) saying, "For even though by this time you ought to be teaching others, you actually need someone to teach you over again the very first principles of God's Word. You have come to need milk, not solid food. For everyone who continues to feed on milk is obviously inexperienced and unskilled in the doctrine of righteousness (of conformity to the divine will in purpose, thought, and action), for he is a mere infant [not able to talk yet]! But solid food is for

full-grown men (those that have matured and grown up in the Lord), for those whose senses and mental faculties are trained by practice (those that have learned through experience) to discriminate and distinguish between what is morally good and noble and what is evil and contrary either to divine or human law."

People need to be taught how to use what they have been given in Christ! They wonder why their families still haven't come in out of the world, and why they haven't accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior yet? Why their children are out in the world doing this and that? Sometimes it's because God is waiting for you to take authority over what ever it is that is pulling on them. If that is the case, God will tell you when you are to take authority over it, and how. You can only do it in Christ. Remember that the victory will not come "...by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the LORD of hosts." The Victory is in Christ! God has shown me that there is a time to say it out loud; and there is a time to do it within - quietly!

If you have troubling thoughts and are tormented in your mind, then that is not God. Then what is the purpose of those thoughts? The troubling thoughts come from the kingdom of darkness, and their purpose is to try and get you off the Throne of God. They are to get your focus on the cares of this world. They are to get you to lose sight of the Kingdom of God and your relationship with Christ. Jesus said in Matthew 6:33, that we are to seek first the Kingdom of God

and His Righteousness; but the enemy tries to get you to lose sight of your priority and all Spiritual things. The enemy doesn't want you to use what God has given you.

Sometimes you beg God to do this and do that, but He has already done it. He did everything on the cross! He is just waiting for you to use what you have. He is waiting for you to use the Authority He has given you over your household and over your finances. God told me a long time ago, "Never look to man for your needs. Trust in Me and My Word. I want you to come to the place where you no longer ask Me to meet your needs. If I tell you to pray for your needs, do it; but the only thing I want you to be seeking is the Kingdom of God. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and My Righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." He said, "I will meet all your needs, so you don't have to worry about them. I have everything that you need. If you are thinking about your needs, then you are thinking about your self. If you seek Me, and Pursue Me, then you are going after what is real and genuine by having a union with Me; and by using what I have given you, to do what I want you to do."

When you are focused on God and doing what He wants you to do, you can Worship Him in Spirit and in Truth, knowing that God's Energy is going out to an individual that is in bondage somewhere; and that through your Worship and Praise God's Energy is releasing that person! You can know that prisons are being shaken, and that people are

being set free from bondage, slavery, and darkness!

I remember one time years ago when I went to minister at a prison. There was a man standing outside where I was going in to teach, and he said to me, "I wish that I could go in there." So I said, "Well come on in." But he said, "I can't. I can't." The next week there he was again, saying, "I can't. I can't." So I started seeking the Lord about this man, and the Lord said, "He can't." So I went up to the man and took his hands; and as I looked at him, I saw the kingdom of darkness. I knew then that this was the reason why he couldn't go in. God then spoke to me and said, "Use the Authority I have given you." Right then, the Christ in me rose up and took Authority over what ever was in him. Whatever was in him, came right out of him, and then went right into and then through the Christ in me. The man's countenance changed right before my eyes, and he came to every meeting after that.

There are some people that cannot go to church; and that because they got so deep in darkness they can't get free. They need God's Sons to hear their groaning and see their pain before they can be set free. Sometimes you may need get in the Spirit for them; and while praying and interceding for them, maybe you will even have to experience a little of their pain and torment as God deals with what is in them. But don't give up what God has given you! Keep pursuing IT, and keep pursuing your relationship with HIM! Continue to press deeper and deeper into your relationship with Him! Press deeper into that

oneness that He desires to have with you! Don't stop, and don't give up, because something Greater is getting ready to happen! Something far Greater than what you and I are experiencing right now is about to come on the scene! You've got to quit focusing on yourself, and your problems. Quit focusing on the negative, and on the things that you know you shouldn't be focusing on - and instead focus on Him! Focus on, and seek first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness!

Now I am not in control of you, and I cannot tell you what to do. But when you get sick and tired of going through one hell after another in your mind; then you will start learning, and hopefully understand that what ever you focus on will become your state of mind.

We have been doing this for a very long time, and we will continue to press in. We have been allowing the Lord to operate through us in the position of Government that He has called us to in Him; and we have seen many, many changes in the world. However, the more Sons that take up their responsibilities and positions in Christ - the more Power will be released to set creation free! Seek Him, and use what He has given you. Take hold of what God has given you in Christ, and begin to use the "Keys of the Kingdom" to bring change. Allow God to use you and to work through you to both set the captives free, and establish His Kingdom in the earth. Glory to God! For He is worthy to be Praised! To Him be all the Glory!