Keys of the Kingdom

Luke 11:20
If I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.
Matthew 16:18-19

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1) Gates of Hades

Ephesians 6:12
For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

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b) Domains where demonic influences and powers operate
Lawlessness

2 Thessalonians 2:7
For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work…

Lawlessness

2 Thessalonians 2:9-10
The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs and lying wonders and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.
### Lawlessness

**1 Samuel 15:23**

For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.

### Deception

### Rebellion/Witchcraft

### Disobedience

**Ephesians 2:1-2**

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses in sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience.
Other domains where demons can operate

- Culture
- Beliefs
- Mindsets
- Rituals

Ritual

2 Kings 3:27

Then he (king of Moab) took his eldest son who would have reigned in his place and offered him as a burnt offering upon the wall and there was great indignation against Israel. So they departed from him and returned to their own land.
Satan working behind the scene

2 Corinthians 4:4
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1) Gates of Hades

a) The hordes of darkness
b) Domains where demonic influences and powers operate
c) Our sins can become domains for evil to operate
Romans 6:16
Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slave to obey, you are that one’s slaves whom you obey, whether of sin to death, or of obedience to righteousness?

Ephesians 4:26-27
Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil.
Implication

- Ungodly vows
- Defilement
- Bitterness
- Ungodly beliefs
- Ungodly soul ties
- Curses

Freed yet shackled
- Recover freedom
- Inherit God’s blessings
- Edify through giftings
- Arise to authority
- Go from glory to glory
2) Keys are given to the Church

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Starting point

A. Recognise that we are given the keys  
B. Keys represent authority and power  
C. Put the keys to use

A powerful key: Name of Jesus

**Luke 10:17**

Then the seventy returned with joy, saying,”Lord, even the demons are **subject to us in Your name.**”
Structure of Authority & Power

Believers given authority

Luke 10:19

“Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Devil and demons under our authority

Satan defeated!

Luke 10:18

I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.
The devil understands authority

Our action

James 4:7
Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Devil’s response
Keys of the Kingdom

a) The name of Jesus
b) The key of knowledge

Key of knowledge

Luke 11:52
Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge; you did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering.
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John 8:32
And you will know the truth and the truth will make you free.

Outcome of knowing the truth

Strongholds can be destroyed!

2 Corinthians 10:4
For the weapons of our warfare are not merely human but they have divine power to destroy strongholds.
Powers of darkness overcome

Colossians 2:15
He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Hold up the truth against ourselves
For if you live according to the flesh, you die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

This is truth

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Galatians 6:8

If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit.

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1 John 5:12

Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Truth can be hard

It matters to know both sides of the truth.
Application

What kind of choices are we making in response to knowing both sides of the truth?

Keys of the Kingdom

a) The name of Jesus
b) The key of knowledge
c) The key of faith
Faith quenches fiery darts

**Ephesians 6:16**
Above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

12 Spies

Shammua  
Shaphat  
Igal  
Palti  
Gaddiel  
Gaddi  
Ammiel  
Sethur  
Nahbi  
Geuel  

Caleb  
Joshua.
Walls of Jericho collapsing

Irrational & weak yet mighty…

Hebrews 11
Hebrews 11:13
All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them.

Faith sees into the future
When struggling with faith, look at the cross

The gates of Hades want us to be...

With the keys of the kingdom, they shall not prevail.
3) Church on the offensive

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Revelations 1:18
I am He who lives, and was dead and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

Bind & Loose
Means:
  a) To shut or to open
  b) To permit or to prohibit
Bind by enforcing the sentence

John 16:11
Of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

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Pray

Church
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A certain representation

Execute the Father’s business
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Moses raising his hands while Joshua fights on

John Piper
Until you know that life is war, you cannot know what prayer is for.
4) Move from keys to possession

**Genesis 39:22-23**
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Possessing keys to possessing the gates of the enemy
Acts 13:36
For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption.
Ephesians 3:10
To the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places.