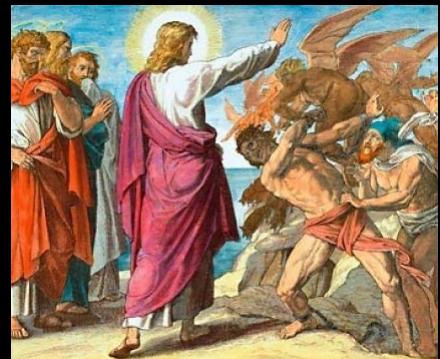


Keys of the Kingdom

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.

1) Gates of Hades

a) The hordes of darkness



Daniel praying

1) Gates of Hades

- a) The hordes of darkness
- b) Domains where demonic influences and powers operate

Domains

Lawlessness

2 Thessalonians 2:7

For the mystery of **lawlessness** is already at work...

Domains

Lawlessness

2 Thessalonians 2:9-10

Deception

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.

Domains

Lawlessness

Deception

**Rebellion/
Witchcraft**

1 Samuel 15:23

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

Domains

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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

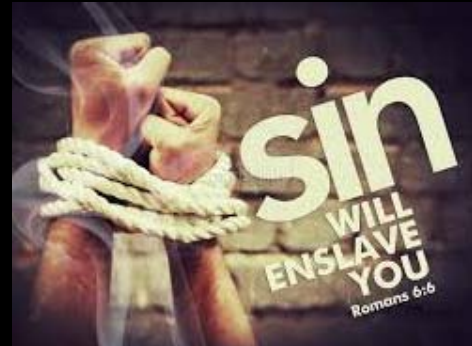
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- b) Domains where demonic influences and powers operate
- c) **Our sins can become domains for evil to operate**

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

Ungodly beliefs

Defilement

Ungodly soul ties

Bitternesss

Curses



Shackled

Freed yet shackled



Recover freedom

Blessed yet robbed



Inherit God's blessings

Gifted yet divided



Edify through giftings

Authorised yet terrorised



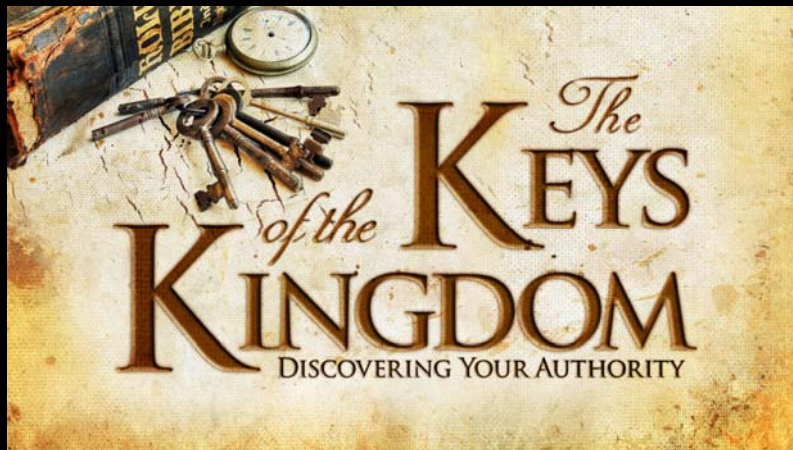
Arise to authority

**Enlightened yet
unchanged**



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**."

Outcome

Reason

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.





Traffic police

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.



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

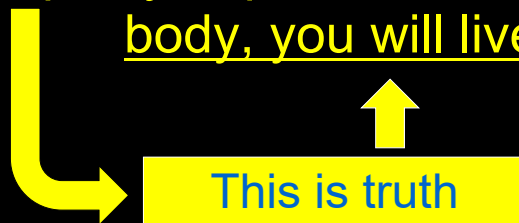
He **disarmed** the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, **triumphing over them** in it.

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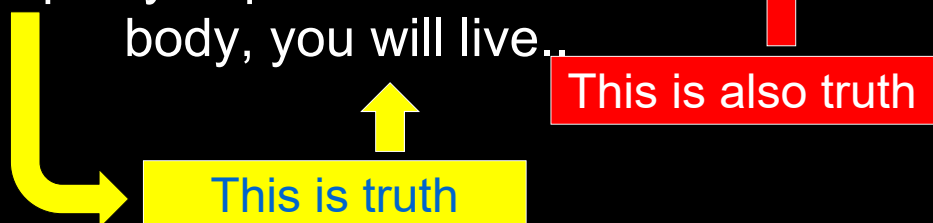
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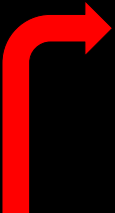
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Truth can be hard



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This is also truth

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

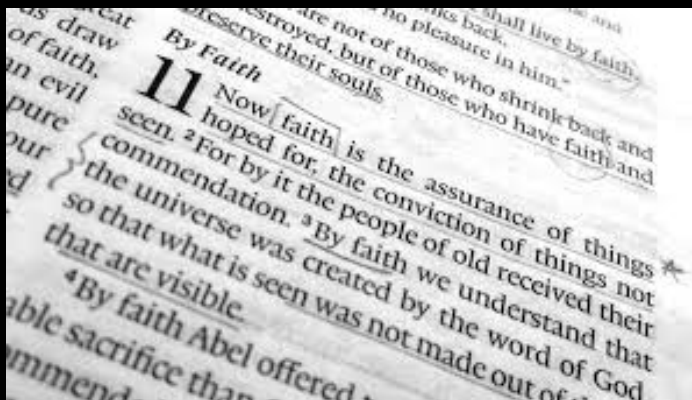
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Sethur
Nahbi
Geuel

Faith

Caleb
Joshua.



Walls of Jericho collapsing



Irrational & weak
yet mighty...

Hebrews 11

Faith

Hebrews 11:13

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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



Church on the offensive

Battleground

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Under attack, on the defensive

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.

Matthew 18:18-20

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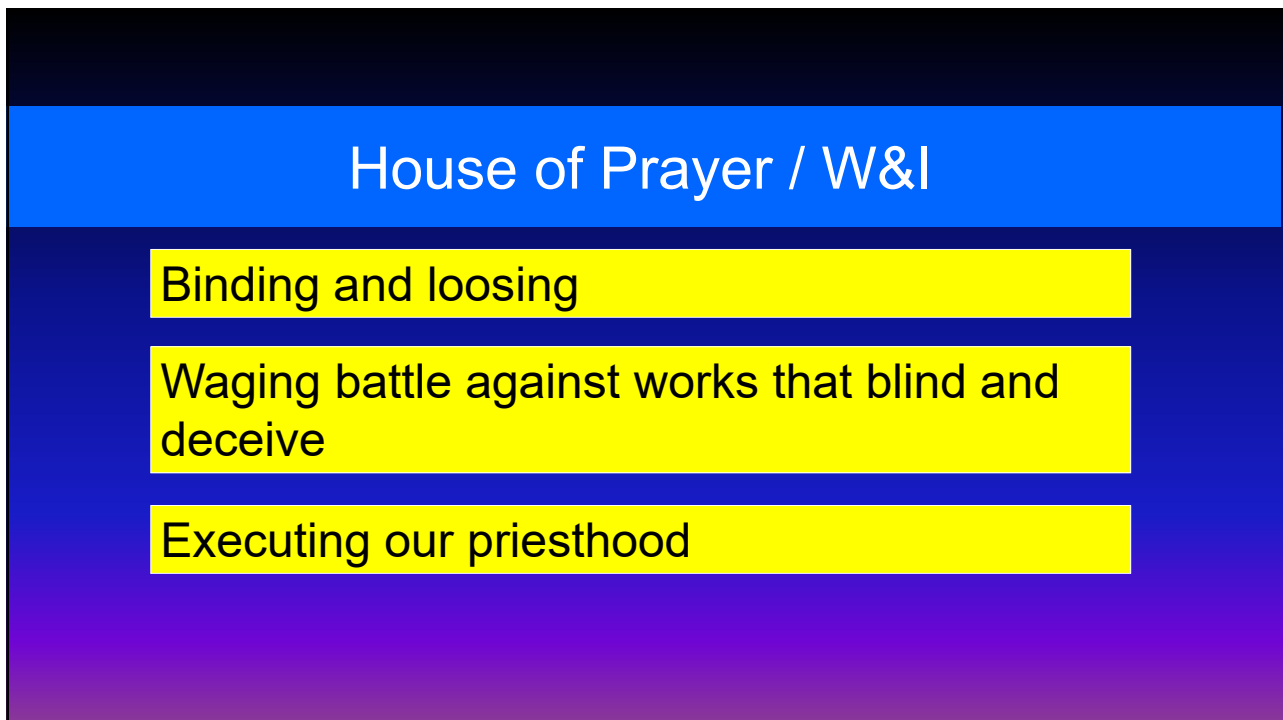
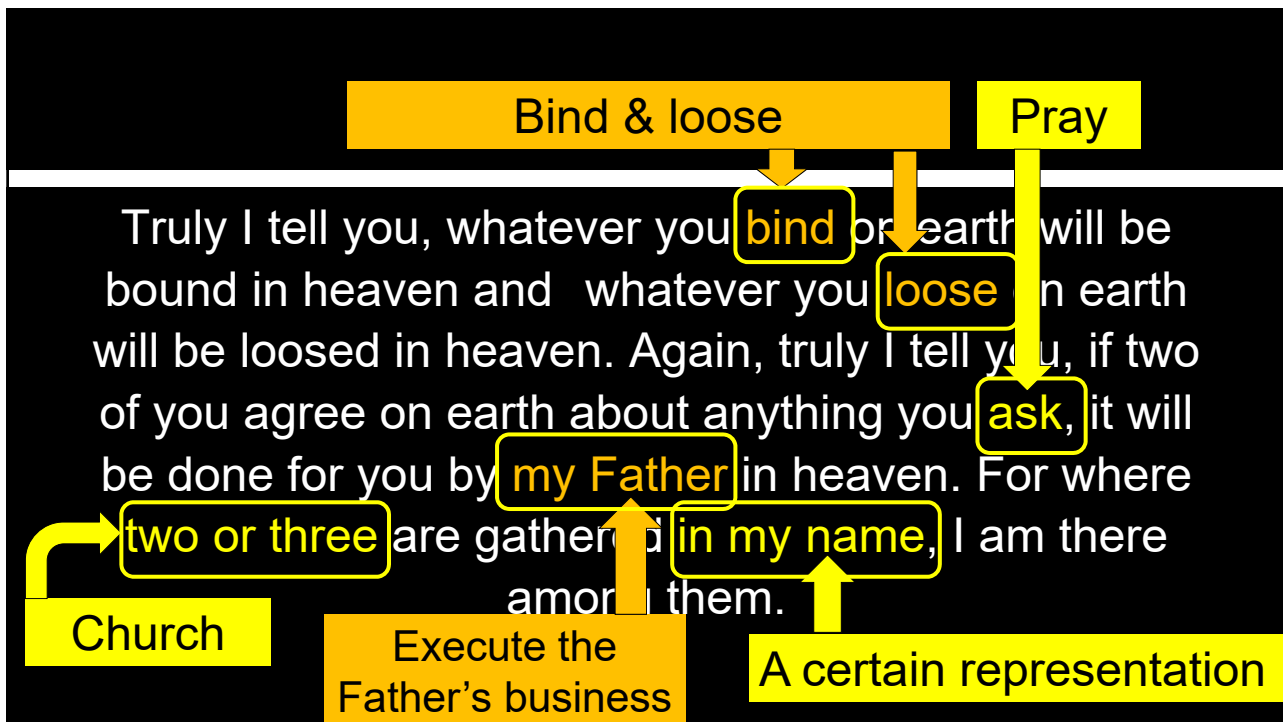
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Church

Execute the
Father's business

A certain representation



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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Man behind the
operations

From stewardship to rulership

From captivity to dominion

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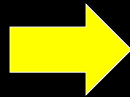
Bedok Reservoir

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Possessing keys to possessing the gates of the enemy






Dispossessed of their land

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.



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