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Keys of the Kingdom -3 – “Transferring Our Trust”

Matthew 16:15-19 NKJV “He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not ^[g]prevail against it. ¹⁹ And **I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven**, and whatever you bind on earth ^[h]will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

V19 Ampc. “ I will give you **the keys of the kingdom** of heaven; and whatever **you** bind (declare to be improper and unlawful) on earth ^[i]must be what is already bound in heaven; and whatever **you** loose (declare lawful) on earth ^[i]must be what is already loosed in heaven.”

V19 Message “And that’s not all. **You** will have complete and free access to God’s kingdom, **keys to open any and every door: no more barriers** between heaven and earth, earth and heaven. **A yes on earth is yes in heaven.** A no on earth is no in heaven.” (2 Corinthians 1:20;)

V 19 Passion “I will give **you the Keys of heaven’s kingdom** realm to forbid on earth that which is forbidden in heaven, and to release on earth that which is released in heaven.”

V 19 NLV “¹⁹ I will give **you the keys** of the holy nation of heaven. Whatever **you do not allow** on earth will not have been allowed in heaven. Whatever **you allow** on earth will have been allowed in heaven.” ²⁰

It takes faith to apply the keys! HE WANTS US TO TRANSFER OUR TRUST!

What we allow, will be allowed. God has to allow what we allow.

Whatever we loose will be loosed, what we forbid, will be forbidden

We have learned that keys represent **authority, access, control, power, freedom,** He wants the keys to work the same for us as they did for Him.

These keys are activated by faith and deactivated by fear. The keys of the kingdom are keys to ultimate truth. Knowledge about Him will give us keys that bring freedom.

John 8:31,32 NKJV *"Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*

Freedom comes by the truth that we know and the truth we apply, is what sets us free. God's desire is to get us back to living in His original desire. We come into the kingdom by being born again then He gives us keys to operates by.

His first and original assignment for mankind was to have dominion.

Genesis 1:26-28 NKJV *"Then God said, "Let Us make man (trey) in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them (trey) **have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over ^[g]all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."²⁷ So God created man (trey) in His own image; in the image of God He created (trey) him; male and female He created them.²⁸ Then **God blessed (trey) them,** and God said to them (trey), "**Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that ^[h]moves on the earth."*

Image -tsekem- essential nature; copy; characteristic; true substance

Likeness- is exact duplication in kind. The exact duplication is a little lower because it's a duplication. To function like He does (**Ephesians 5:1**)

Dominion- radah- govern, rule, control, master, have authority, to lead; to dominate with His nature; **responsible for reigning over** a designated territory (What territory are we called to?)

Here is how we dominate in the area of our gifting. **To Bless**- to empower to prosper, empower to excel, empower to succeed, empower to increase. **Be Fruitful**-productive, to bring forth, to create. **Multiply**-reproduce your productivity, increase in number, increase in development; **Replenish or fill**-distribute, resupply, renew, restock, to fill; **subdue**- keep it under or control the market and have **dominion**. This is our mandate.

Its time for us to put a stop to what the enemy is doing in our sphere of influence. Lets meditate on these verses. *“Whatever I bind will be bound, whatever I loose, is loosed”* get fully persuaded of our authority. **HE WANTS US TO TRANSFER OUR TRUST!**

Luke 11:52 NKJV *“Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered.”*

- He was getting onto the dr of the law, they had taken away the key of knowledge. You got in the way of those going in

Knowledge. Peter knew who He was by revelation knowledge. Peter knew something by the spirit (Matthew 16)

The keys of the kingdom are connected to the keys of knowledge

If we don't know that we are forgiven, cleansed. If we don't know that we have authority, about the name, the blood, etc... Then those are keys that we have, that we aren't using. God wants us to know about the keys and to use the keys

Matthew 15:6 Ampc. *“So for the sake of your tradition (the rules handed down by your forefathers), you have set aside **the Word of God** [depriving it of force and authority and making it of no effect].”*

- tradition has replaced the knowledge of who Jesus is and who and what they have in Him

Ephesians 1:17-23- He floods our heart with light so that we can know and understand: **What We are called to do. What our rich inheritance is? And it is for those who believe**

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John 14:12-14 NKJV ¹² *“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. ¹³ And **whatever you ask in My name**, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you [□]ask anything in My name, I will do it.”*

Here are some characteristics of some keys. HE WANTS US TO TRANSFER OUR TRUST!

1. **Keys are laws.** They are fixed standards that never change. When they are worked correctly, they always work.

Romans 8:2 NKJV *“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.”*

EX: Like the law of gravity. Airplane, law of lift

2. **Keys are principles,** fundamental truth or proposition that serves as the foundation for a system of belief or behavior.

When He talked about the keys, He was talking about the principles and systems that operate under fixed laws. They keys are principles by which the kingdom of Heaven operates. Once we learn the laws, systems, and principles all of Heaven is available to us.

3. **Keys are systems.**

Every government runs on systems. Social, economic, political systems. Knowledge of systems and how they work is a key to power and influence. Control the systems and you control the government. Disrupt the system and you disrupt the government.

The good thing is the kingdom of Heaven is beyond reach of those outside the kingdom and are in no danger of being disrupted or destroyed.

Kingdom citizens do have access to the kingdom systems and can bring the power of the kingdom into manifestation in the earthly realm. As sons and kingdom citizens we should be confident no matter what the circumstances, we have the keys of the kingdom.

4. Keys activate function.

For example, a car operates on gasoline. The gas is the key that activates the function of the car. Without gas the car will not run. Religion is like that car without gas, it might look good on the outside, but it has no keys so it can't activate the kingdom's function in our life.

What God says to us will activate our function. The keys of the kingdom activate Heaven so we can fully enjoy our rights and privileges as sons and kingdom citizens. This system is certain, where the world's system isn't.

1 Timothy 6:17 NKJV *“Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, **nor to trust in uncertain riches** but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.”*

The keys of the kingdom allow us to enjoy the good things God gives us. He wants us to trust in Him, not in the government, not in ourselves, not in our money, but in Him. We are rich compared to most of the world. **EX: of Africa**

Remember faith activates the keys and fear deactivates the keys. And it's our job to resist fear and get into a place of faith. **HE WANTS US TO TRANSFER OUR TRUST!**

Proverbs 3:5,6 NKJV *“⁵ **Trust in the Lord** with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall ^[b]direct your paths”.*

Jeremiah 17:5-8 Ampc. *“Thus says the Lord: **Cursed** [with great evil] is the strong man who trusts in and relies on frail man, making weak [human] flesh*

his arm, and whose mind and heart turn aside from the Lord. ⁶ For he shall be like a shrub or a person naked and destitute in the desert; and he shall not see any good come but shall dwell in the parched places in the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷ **[Most] blessed is the man who believes in, trusts in, and relies on the Lord,** and whose hope and confidence the Lord is. ⁸ For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters that spreads out its roots by the river; and it shall not see and fear when heat comes; but its leaf shall be green. It shall not be anxious and full of care in the year of drought, nor shall it cease yielding fruit."

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5. Keys initiate action.

Like the key of a car initiates action by starting the engine. The keys of the kingdom initiate action in Heaven and on earth. When I act on what the King has said then the power of God is activated.

Romans 1:16,17 NKJV "¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel ^[c]of Christ, for **it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes**, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

6. Keys cannot be substituted by feelings, emotions, or wishful thinking.

If you are locked out of your house no amount of begging, pleading, crying or wishing will open the door. If your car is out of gas you can sit behind the wheel and dream and wish that it will move and it will stay right where its at.

Your feelings or emotions don't open any doors in the kingdom. Without the right keys, you will still be locked out.

2 Corinthians 5:7 NKJV "For we walk by faith, not by sight."

THE KEYS ARE OPERATED BY FAITH!

Faith is the currency of the kingdom. Anything in the kingdom of God is done by faith.

In the worlds system you get ahead by taking, robbing, hurting, cheating, using people, etc... in the kingdom of Heaven everything is reversed you give, you love, you release, putting others first knowing that God will promote you

The kingdom operates different than the world and that's why renewing our mind is so important. In the beginning they operated from revelation but fell to information. We go from information to revelation. That's why Paul writes to us

Romans 12:2 NKJV *"² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."*

In Mark 10 we see Jesus wanting to give this man keys of the kingdom and to get him to transfer his trust from the worlds system to the kingdoms system.

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Mark 10:17-24 NKJV *"Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, "**Good Teacher**, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?"¹⁸ So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? **No one is good but One**, that is, God. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Do not defraud,' 'Honor your father and your mother.' "²⁰ And he answered and said to Him, "Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth."²¹ Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "**One thing you lack**: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will **have treasure in heaven**; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me. (He wanted him to trust)"²² But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "**How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!**" ²⁴ And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, "Children, how hard it is ^[b]for those **who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God!**"*

He wants us to trust Him. He wants our heart, it isn't about the things but about our heart. In the world system, it doesn't make sense to tithe, to give things away, to sow seed, but **the word doesn't come to make sense but to make faith.**

The keys, the principles, are opposite of the worlds system. The man had gotten ahead by the worlds system and Jesus was wanting to take Him to a new level by giving. He had religion but not relationship. His relationship was more intimate with his money than with Jesus. (Think of the difference in Peters response and return in Luke 5 compared to this mans)

The rich young ruler thought by holding on to his wealth it would give him life. But it was his relationship with wealth that was holding him back.

1 Timothy 6:9,10 NKJV *"But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."*

Jesus was offering the rich young ruler a key that would unlock him from religion and give him life and make him rich. Jesus was wanting him to **TRANSFER HIS TRUST!**

Mark 10:25-30 NKJV *"²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."²⁶ And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, "Who then can be saved?"²⁷ But Jesus looked at them and said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible."²⁸ Then Peter began to say to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You."²⁹ So Jesus answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother ^[c]or wife or children or ^[d]lands, for My sake and the gospel's, ³⁰ who shall not receive **a hundredfold now in this time**—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life."*

The rich young ruler could not see how following Jesus instructions were going to get him what he wanted because he was used to a different system. We might not know how the keys are going to work but they do when we use them by faith.

LET'S TRANSFER OUR TRUST and experience the kingdom.

Offering:

1 Corinthians 3:6,7 NKJV "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. ⁷ So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase"

- **God is a God of increase, so lets believe Him for it.**

Psalms 115:14 NKJV "¹⁴ May the Lord give you increase more and more, You and your children."

- The God of increase wants to give us increase!

Psalms 35:27 NKJV "²⁷ Let them shout for joy and be glad, Who favor my righteous cause; And let them say continually,"Let the Lord be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant."

- The God of increase, takes pleasure when we increase and prosper. Prosper means beyond reach.

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