"A man really believes not what he recites in his creed but only the things he is willing to die for."
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WEAPONS OF WARFARE: BINDING AND LOOSING

Matthew 16:19

"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." KJV

"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." Amplified

"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: the things you don't allow on earth will be the things that God does not allow, and the things you allow on earth will be the things that God allows." New Century Version

"I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven,

and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven." New American Standard Bible

"And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you lock on earth will be locked in heaven, and whatever you open on earth will be opened in heaven." New Living Translation

"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." The Message
(Portions of this verse are also repeated in Matthew 18:18)

According to Mary Garrison, author of *How to Try a Spirit, there are*
SIX MAJOR KEYS
Jesus holds three keys:

1. The Key of David (Revelation 3:7: ***And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, "These things says He who is holy, He who is true, He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts and shuts and no one opens."***)
2. The Key of Hell (Revelation 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."***)
3. The Key of Death (Revelation 1:18 again)

The Believer holds three keys:

4. The Key of Knowledge (Luke 11:52: ***"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."***) The Key of Knowledge opens spiritual truth and revelation. Saints of GOD have this key to bring understanding to Biblical mysteries (*"...I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints"*-Colossians 1:25b-26. *"And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the Gospel"*-Ephesians 6:19. *"Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven, but to them it is not given"*-Matthew 13:11. *"Surely the Lord God will do nothing but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets"*-Amos 3:7.
5. The Key of Binding (Matthew 16:19: ***"And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."***)
6. The Key of Loosing (Matthew 18:18: ***"Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."***)

Keys symbolize authority, prosperity, power, and entry into knowledge. To have a key is to have the ability to unlock something in order to reveal secrets. In this case

the keys to the Kingdom unlock the mysteries of the Kingdom of God.

J. Vernon McGee says this of the Key of David: *"This speaks of His regal claims as the Ruler of this universe. 'He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of the father David: And He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end'* (Luke 1:32-33). *He will sit on the throne of David in the Milennium, but today He is sovereign, sitting at His Father's right hand, waiting for His enemies to be made His footstool. 'He that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth.' He is the One today who is able to open and to close…."*

Knowing and using these 3 keys will give us great authority in the realm of the spirit world. Unfortunately, this is rarely taught in the Body of Christ today.

DO WE KNOW OUR AUTHORITY?

LUKE 10:17-20

17. *The seventy returned with joy, saying, Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name!*

18. *And He said to them, I saw Satan falling like a lightning [flash] from heaven.*

19. ***Behold! I have given you authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and [physical and mental strength and ability] over all the power that the enemy [possesses]****; and nothing shall in any way harm you.*

20. *Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are enrolled in heaven.*

LUKE 9:1-2

1. *Then He called His twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.*
2. *And He sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.*

Mark 6:7

And He called unto Him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits…

EPHESIANS 6:10-11

10. *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.*
11. *Put on the whole armor of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

"Satan wanted the authority God has given to man. Although he was on the planet, the devil did not have authority and jurisdiction over the planet….Satan knew that man could use or misuse the authority give to him. When man disobeyed God, Satan was able to usurp man's authority. Just as God transferred some of his authority to man, so man passed it on to Satan…but Satan can only use it through man. He can only influence the world to the

degree that man chooses to sin and live in disobedience to God. This is what we might call the balance of power.

The balance of power on the earth rests with man in the name of Jesus Christ. The authority is complete in man as long as man is in relationship with God through Jesus Christ. With our authority comes the responsibility to use it for God's purposes. If we don't rebuke the devil, he will not be rebuked. If we don't drive him back, he will not leave. It is up to us. Satan knows of our authority, but hopes we will stay ignorant. We must be as convinced of our authority as the devil is.

Dean Sherman in *Spiritual Warfare for Every Christian*

HOW TO TEST THE SPIRITS- "*Beloveth, believe not every spirit, but try [or test] the spirits whether they are of God, because many false prophets are gone out into the world."* (1st John 4:1).

1. Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God (1st John 4:2).
2. The witness of the Spirit-"*We are of God. He that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. By this know we the spirit of truth and the spirit of error"* (1st John 4:6).
3. You shall know them by their fruit. *"Beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. You shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles?"* (Matthew 6:15-16).

BINDING AND LOOSING

To Bind: to fasten by a band, chain or rope; to tie; to make unmovable; fasten; shackle; clamp; secure; strap down; close down; stop; put an end to.

Some things people need bound to: health, mercy, truth, abstinence, peace, wholeness, love, acceptance, obedience. We also bind evil spirits from working in situations and in people.

To Loose: Unfasten, unbind, untie, release, separate, remove, to clear or absolve from guilt.

Some things people need loosed from: demons, curses, inherited diseases, witches, false teachers, sins, spells, manipulation, lust, addictions, pornography, etc.

BINDING & LOOSING EVIL POWERS

We have already looked at this spirits in some detail, but I include them in this teaching as a place to start in our warfare of binding and loosing evil.

Spirit of Bondage-Romans 8:15: *For ye have not received the Spirit of Bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of Adoption whereby we cry, Abba, Father.*

Spirit of Fear-2nd Timothy 1:7: *For God hath not given us the Spirit of Fear: but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*

Dumb and Deaf Spirit-Mark 9:25-26: *When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou Dumb and Deaf Spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him…*

Spirit of Heaviness-Isaiah 61:3: *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....*

Spirit of Infirmity-Luke 13:11: *And behold, there was a woman which had a Spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could not wise lift up herself.*

Spirit of Jealousy-Numbers 5:14: *And the Spirit of Jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled: or if the Spirit of Jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled.*

Spirit of Perversion-Isaiah 19:14: *The Lord hath mingled a Perverse Spirit in the midst thereof: and they have caused Egypt to err in every work, as a drunken man staggereth in his vomit.*

Spirit of Divination or Familiar Spirit-1st Samuel 28:7-8: *Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a Familiar Spirit, that I may go to her, and inquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hat a Familiar Spirit at Endor. And Saul disguised himself and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with*

him, and they came to the woman by jight, and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the Familiar Spirit, and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee.

Spirit of Whoredoms-Hosea 4:12: *My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them: for the Spirit of Whoredoms hath caused them to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God.*

Spirit of Haughtiness-Proverbs 16:18: *Pride goeth before destruction, and an Haughty Spirit before a fall. Better it is to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.*

Lying Spirit-2nd Chronicles 18:22: *Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a Lying Spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil against thee.*

Spirit of Antichrist-1st John 4:3: *And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God, and this is that Spirit of Antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come, and even now already is in the world.*

LOOSING & BINDING SPIRITS OF OUR GOD

Again, we have already covered these Spirits of God, but I repeat them here because they are spirits that need to be bound to those we love.

The Spirit of Life-Romans 8:1-2: *There is, therefore, now no condemnation in them who are in Christ Jesus, who walk*

not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

The Spirit of Adoption-Romans 8:14-17: *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear, but ye have received the Spirit of Adoption, whereby we cry Abba, Father. The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God; and, if children, then heirs-heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together.*

The Spirit of Truth-John 14:16-17: *And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him, but ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you and shall be in you.*

The Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation-Ephesians 1:15-23: *Wherefore, I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and love unto all the saints, cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened, that ye may know what is the hope of His calling and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power,*

which He wrought in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places, for above all principality and power and might and dominion and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come, and hath put all things under His feet and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all.

The Spirit of Holiness-Romans 1:1-6: *Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God (which He had promised before by His prophets in the holy scriptures), concerning His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who was made of the seed of David, according to the flesh, and declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of Holiness, by the resurrection from the dead; by whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for His name, among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ.*

The Spirit of Power, Love and Discipline (a Sound Mind)-2nd Timothy 1:7: *For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of Power, and Love, and of a Sound Mind.*

The Spirit of Faith-2nd Corinthians 4:13: *We, having the same Spirit of Faith, according as it is written, I believe, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe and therefore speak.*

The Spirit of Grace-Hebrews 10:26-29: *For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth,*

there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses, of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under feet the Son of God and hath counted the blood of the covenant with which he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of Grace. [This is a very difficult passage of scripture. I believe that the writer of Hebrews is not talking about born again believers. It was written for a Jewish audience who still thought they had to make animal sacrifices in the temple to atone for their sins. They had not accepted the sacrifice of the Son of God and His blood covenant as the only way to salvation, but they considered His sacrifice an unholy thing.]

The Spirit of Glory-1st Peter 4:14: *If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye, for the Spirit of Glory and of God resteth upon you; on their part, He is evil spoken of, but, on your part, He is glorified.*