

MATTHEW 16:19-28

A. 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.

1. Remember, this has no reference to the church of this dispensation, of which **Paul** was the master-builder.

I Corinthians 3:10 - According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

2. Giving "the keys of the kingdom of heaven" (heaven on earth-Christ's millennial reign) to Peter shows that he will have administrative control as the **chief** head of the 12 apostles.

*|"Keys" has the idea of having authority, having the ability to have entrance or **access**.

*|To what end?

- a. Christ is not just referring to Peter but also to the 12 apostles. Peter also was representative of the true believers - the Little Flock.
- b. The 12 (~~Judas~~-Matthias) were to act in Christ's absence, to act in His **place**. They could make official decisions that He, Christ, would stand by in support. Whatever they decreed down here on earth would be official and accepted **up** there (heaven).

Matthew 18:17-20 - And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell *it* unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. Matt. 18:18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Matt. 18:19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. Matt. 18:20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

*This is not a prayer promise. This passage identifies a quorum of the **12** in the midst of the Messianic Church. They have the authority to take action in His absence when 2-3 or **more** agree to an outcome.

- (1) Example: In Acts 1, they "bound"-chose Matthias to take Judas' place and that was accepted by Christ in heaven (bound on earth-bound in heaven).
- (2) Example: Galatians 2:9 - [And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.]

*Remember, hadn't the 12 apostles been commissioned to go to the heathen (Gentiles) after they reached Israel? **Yes**. But here, they **bind** together a different decision that loosed them from the Great Commission. The Great Commission went **out** of commission temporarily by their Christ-given official act in His absence.

- (3) In Acts 15 (Gal. 2), the apostles recognized, by hearing and seeing, that God was doing a new thing through Paul's ministry and message. They saw that God was giving Paul new revelation (though they didn't understand it all). Their quorum made an official agreement to not do the Great Commission. They would stay with the Little Flock and honor Paul's ministry to go to the Gentiles with his gospel of grace message.

**If Peter were here today, he would tell us not to follow him - but for us to follow Paul.

I Corinthians 11:1 - Be ye followers of me, even as I also *am* of Christ.

Romans 11:13 - For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:

- B. Matthew 16:20 - Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.

*Christ tells His disciples that it was too late to go tell the people about Him right at that time. They had rejected Him and they wouldn't listen or receive the truth - the revelation that He was the Christ-Messiah.

- C. Matthew 16:21 - From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

1. It doesn't say that He continued telling them, but that He [began] telling them of His upcoming D.B.R. Do we understand that? Before Matthew 16:21, Christ had never told the 12 that He would have to die, be buried, and resurrect from the dead?
2. Here, He tells of His impending murder by apostate Israel's religious leaders. Jesus was not, at this time, going to the throne - but to the tree (cross). Christ, coming down to His final months-weeks, is trying to anchor His apostles to endure upcoming events.

**The 12 knew nothing about His cross and these words could not be any clearer or more plain. It is God Who says this and they had no knowledge of the D.B.R.'s accomplishments, as we know through Paul.

- D. Matthew 16:22 - Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

1. Peter's response wasn't: "Praise God, You are going to the cross to die for our sins". Do you think Peter would have said what he said if he knew the truth and purpose of Christ dying on the cross? No!
2. Peter said no by rebuking Jesus for saying such a thing. Also, if Peter did not know and appreciate that Christ's cross was for sin, what gospel had he been proclaiming? Peter could not have been preaching blood atonement for forgiveness of sins at this time.
3. The message for Israel was the Gospel of the Kingdom - Jesus is the Christ-Messiah-Son of God. He will set up His government with Israel reigning, as they will be ministering priests to the other nations.

Exodus 19:6 - And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

Deuteronomy 11:21 - That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.

Isaiah 2:2-3 - And it shall come to pass in the last days, *that* the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. Isa. 2:3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Isaiah 9:7 - Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah 60:3 - And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Isaiah 61:6 - 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.

Daniel 2:44 - And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, *but* it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

Daniel 7:27 - And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

4. *Even after Christ's D.B.R. and ascension: Acts 2:23-24a - [Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: Acts 2:24a Whom God hath raised up,]
- a. These verses show that Peter knew about the D.B.R. But when Peter talked to Israel about the crucifixion, he **still** does not point to it and say: "There is your answer for your sins". He **condemns** them for killing their Messiah, but God the Father had raised Him.
 - b. Peter blames and **indicts** Israel's leaders. He **warns** them to change their minds and hearts to receive Christ as their resurrected-ascended Messiah. God was giving Israel another chance (their **last**). But the D.B.R. was not good news - it was a **crime** they had committed.

Acts 2:36-38 - Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. Acts 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do? Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 3:14-15 - But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; Acts 3:15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

*Is this (Acts 2:38) how we are saved today?

5. Notice:

Mark 9:9-10, 30-32 - And as they came down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, till the Son of man were risen from the dead. Mark 9:10 And they kept that saying with themselves, questioning one with another what the rising from the dead should mean. Mark 9:30 And they departed thence, and passed through Galilee; and he would not that any man should know *it*. Mark 9:31 For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day. Mark 9:32 But they understood not that saying, and were afraid to ask him.

Luke 18:31-34 - Then he took *unto him* the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished. Luke 18:32 For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on: Luke 18:33 And they shall scourge him, and put him to death: and the third day he shall rise again. Luke 18:34 And they understood none of these things: and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken.

John 20:6, 8-9 - Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie, John 20:8 Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed. John 20:9 For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.

E. Matthew 16:23 - But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

1. Peter goes from [Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God] to becoming **used** by Satan. Jesus speaks as though Peter were Satan and rebukes him for being a stumbling block for not minding to the things of God (a wrong spirit).
2. Peter goes from faith to human logic and feelings of his own in his plans for Jesus. They did not include Jesus' **death!** Satan is deceiving in how he gets man to fall prey to his own feelings and viewpoint **over** what God's Word even says (D.B.R.).

F. Matthew 16:24-26 - Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. Matt. 16:25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. Matt. 16:26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

1. Jesus explains the **cost** of discipleship. If one was to follow Him, that believer had to put his own viewpoint away and **trust** what Jesus said (context).
2. Jesus is explaining what taking up the cross actually means:
 - a. Taking up the cross was to **die** to self, then **live** for Christ. It meant to yield to Christ's Lordship, authority, and mastery over their lives.
 - b. It also meant they were to share and identify with Christ's rejection by the nation Israel, leading to the cross. He tells them **as** Israel had rejected Him, they would reject them also. They likewise would become outcasts, unpopular, despised, and would **suffer** for following Him (and they did).

G. Matthew 16:27 - For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

*Jesus also tells them that if one is faithful it will be **worth** it when Christ returns, for their reward will be with Him to give them.

Revelation 22:12 - And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward *is* with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

H. Matthew 16:28-Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

1. Has the Kingdom come yet? Are any of these apostles alive? Is the scripture wrong?

Answer: In the following verses, there is an understood **condition**.

Matthew 10:23 - [But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.]

Matthew 23:39 - [For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name of the Lord.]

*Example: This Saturday we are going to have a picnic. You bring the chips, someone brings the drinks, someone brings the meat, and someone else brings the dessert. But what if it is raining and thunder storming? We stay **home** - it is understood **without** stating it.

2. Here, there is a condition they understood, without stating it. If Israel would **believe** in Christ as Messiah, **some** of them would not have to die, but would see Jesus Christ's return, be rewarded, and go into the Kingdom (after the 7 year Tribulation).

Remember, if they (Jews) **received Jesus as the Christ-Messiah, John the Baptist would be Elijah. That was the condition.

3. If the Prophetic Kingdom Program had **not** been interrupted by today's Dispensation of Grace Program, verse 28 **would** have happened exactly as it is stated.

But because of the Mystery Program, verse 28 has been **interrupted - it did not meet the understood condition - **Israel** to believe.