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THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM

“I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 16:19 (HCSB)

The keys of the kingdom represent the access you have to the Father through your relationship to Jesus Christ. With this relationship you have access to everything that is accessible to Christ. However, this access is not given indiscriminately; **Jesus gave the keys to His disciples only after they recognized that He was the Christ.** Only then did they enter into a unique and personal relationship with Him. Likewise, your relationship with Christ opens the door of heaven for you and gives you direct access to the Father.

Peter discovered that once he had keys to the kingdom, he could go to the Father in every situation. When he stood to preach before thousands on the day of Pentecost, this simple fisherman opened the door to the kingdom for three thousand people in one day (*Acts 2:41*). When he encountered a lame man, he used his access to God and His healing power, and the man was healed (*Acts 3:6*). When he was imprisoned, Peter discovered that the keys of the kingdom could open even the most secure prison door (*Acts 12:6-10*).

If you are a Christian you, too, have keys to the kingdom of heaven. You do not need an intermediary, for you have an unobstructed access to God. With that access come all the resources you need to face any circumstance. When you are afraid, you have access to God’s peace that surpasses comprehension (*Phi. 4:6*). When you have a broken relationship, you have access to the God of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:18-21). **When you meet someone in need, you have access to God’s provision for that person. What an incredible privilege to be entrusted with keys to the kingdom of heaven. AMEN.**

Drs. Henry and Richard Blackaby

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20

