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**Topic 12:** Keys of the kingdom

**(5 short prophecy messages from Jesus to children, on the subject.)**

1. (Jesus speaking: ) One day I’m going to take over this world, and no one and nothing is going to be able to stop Me then. I’ll be the King of the Kingdom and reign over all. Do you want to rule with Me as well? If you believe My Word, and claim the promises in the Bible, then you are already helping Me to start ruling things on Earth, because prayer changes things and makes My will be done. If you need extra power for a situation, just call on the keys of the Kingdom to unlock My treasures of supply, protection, miracles, whatever you need. I will send you what is best because you are My special prince or princess.

2. *Jesus speaking:* My children, you now have access to greater power because I am making it available to you. It is given to you, My faithful of the Last Days, to possess these powerful new codes. These were not necessary in the past but they are needed now , because the evil forces are stronger than ever. Through calling on the keys, your power is amplified many times over. You have the power to release those in bondage, set the captives free, and overcome all evil. Start today to access the power of the keys. Use them prayerfully, wisely and claim victories!

3. This is how to use the keys and access their power. Say, “I call on the power of the keys.” The power does not come until you call on the keys. Avail yourself of the power of the keys when you start praying. That’s what opens a whole door of power and priorities for you. You can’t harness the power of the keys if you don’t call on them. The keys wait to be used, and their power is activated when you call on them.

4. Besides your salvation and the gift of the Holy Spirit, the keys of the Kingdom are the most important gifts you will ever receive. With the keys of the Kingdom, all Heaven, and all Earth is at your command! You possess all that is within these worlds and more. At your request, I will unleash all that you need in the blink of an eye!

5. The keys are alive! They represent My spirit and all the power of Heaven, which can never be conquered. When you call on the keys, you are calling on a living, powerful, spiritual phenomenon. The keys of the Kingdom have been granted power by God, and they release great power in return. When you call on the keys, they will unleash God’s power on your behalf.

1. **Short true story, or object lesson or reflections on the subject.)**
2. **The Gospel story about the Keys of the Kingdom**

Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

"But what about you?" He asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter [*petros* or pebble],\*\* and on this rock [*petra* or boulder],\*\* I will build My church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." –Matthew 16:13-20

\*\*By making a difference between Peter “the pebble,” and what Peter said about Jesus being the Son of God, Jesus was saying that faith in Him as the Son of God (“the boulder”), is the foundation of His church, and that He is giving the keys of the Kingdom to those who believe in Him.

**2. A Personal Lesson**

One time I was desperate for two prayer requests to get answered. One was an invoice that was almost two weeks overdue, and the other was a gift that friends had promised to send. Every day, I would pray for these two things to come through, but nothing happened. The days dragged by and I was so disappointed that my prayers were not answered. That’s when I remembered to "call on the keys." That evening, I prayed, “Lord, you promised to supply all my needs according to Your riches in glory. I claim the power of the keys to unleash these funds!”

The next day, I opened my email and almost fell off my chair! There were two messages in my inbox: one saying that the invoice had been paid, and the other saying that the gift from my friends had been deposited. What an immediate answer to prayer! Aalthough God’s promises in the Bible are still powerful, as God’s Endtime children, we are facing bigger battles than ever before. That’s why we need more power than ever in these Last Days! Calling on the keys, gets us the fullest and greatest manifestation of God’s power every time.

**3.** **The Itaipu Dam**

The Itaipu Dam, on the Paraná River between Brazil and Paraguay, is the world's largest hydroelectric power plant. It has been called one of the seven wonders of the modern world. It generates enough power yearly to supply 93% of the electrical power needed by Paraguay's 5.5 million people and 20% of that consumed by Brazil's 184 million. That's a lot of power! The river had flowed there for thousands of years before the dam was built. The potential for all that power had been there all that timeuntil someone harnessed it. The spiritual power that God has is like that river: There is tremendous power there, but it doesn't do us any good until we acknowledge it, recognize its potential, and learn to use it. If we've gone all of our lives without that spiritual power, we may think things will work out fine if we continue as we are. However, we would be like those people on the Itaipu River before they got electricity from the dam. They missed out on a lot of power that could have made their lives easier. So let’s use God’s power in the keys, which is greater than any hydroelectric dam!

**4 The Janitor’s Keys**

Jesus said that because we believe in Him, we have the keys of the Kingdom (Matthew 16:19). Keys represent power and authority. I know a janitor who likes to walk around with his keys, jingling them in his pocket as he goes. He knows he has the authority to unlock every door in the building whenever he wants. A door is a barrier, an obstacle, but if you have the key, that door is no longer a barrier. You just unlock it and walk through! That’s the way it is in spirit. Now that we have the keys of the Kingdom, we have God’s authority and power. The power of the keys will bind whatever we tell them to bind and they will loose whatever we tell them to loose, whether its in Heaven or on earth. The power of the keys will loosen whatever we want and need.

**5. Locked inside!**

Too many Christians are living powerless lives. They don’t know what it is to have God’s power to do miracles. They are like the man who was trying to unlock his car with a coat hanger because he had left the keys inside. His wife and children were inside the car, cheering him on while he worked. However, nobody in the car thought to use the keys to unlock the car! Some people can be pretty dumb. Unfortunately, some of us are like that when it comes to spiritual things. God has given us the keys, and His power and authority are only a reach away. Meanwhile, we keep looking around at people or circumstances, waiting for them to do it for us. –Instead, we need to look to Jesus and use the keys of the Kingdom that He’s given us.

**(5 Prayers & praises on the subject.)**

1. Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your son, Jesus. Thank You that I can know You and have Your presence in my life. I pray that You will make Your power known in my life. Help me to cultivate Your presence in my life through calling on the keys. I choose to partner with You so that Your Kingdom will come on earth as it already is in Heaven. Remove the distractions in my life that keep me from Your presence. I repent of any pride or personal idols that keep me from giving You first place in my life such as (Name your personal idols one-by-one, such as hand phone, computer, food, sports, etc.) Take away my lukewarmness and set me on fire for You. All this I pray in Jesus’ Name.

2. Lord, I praise and thank You. Thank You for the power of the keys and that the keys can overcome all the difficulties in my life. I choose not to be overwhelmed by my circumstances. Instead I choose to praise You and call on Your Name and claim victories. You are my victorious, all-powerful God. I will praise Your Name and proclaim Your salvation every day. I will declare Your glory among the nations, Your marvelous deeds among all the people. I will sing praises to You, O Lord! You hear and You are mighty to save.

3. Dear Jesus, teach me how to ascend to Your throne room in worship so that I can come back down to earth empowered to work in the harvest field here. Help me to wield the weapon of the keys as I fight for victory in every area. Make it my first reaction to thank You in every situation. I believe that the keys have the power to mold and to shape any prayer into reality. I call on that key power now to make a breakthrough for (name specific people or situations ). I praise You and thank You for the victory that Your powerful keys are bringing! You said whatever we bind on earth will be bound in Heaven through the power of the keys. So I know that You are working mightily even as I am praying. I offer You my praise and thanks right now. Blessed be Your Name forever, Lord! In Jesus' name, amen.

4. Dear Lord, I want to worship You only. Take me deeper in my prayer life and intimacy with You, Jesus. Help me to walk in Your light and holiness. Give me joy in Your presence and help me to bring that joy to others. Thank You that the keys make the impossible possible. Thank You that by Your power I can be loving, wise and be what others need so that I can show them Your love. I wield the power of the keys now on behalf of (name people or situations that need prayer). In Jesus’ name, amen.

5.Thank You, dear Jesus, that I can claim the power of the keys. Thank You for the keys of empowerment that bring down blessings, anointing, power, faith. I claim the keys of empowerment now! I ask You to work through the keys that I may see the changes I need for myself and the situation that I’m praying for. Thank You, Jesus! I praise and honor You!

 **(5 Quotation from others, or hymn portion, or poem portion on the subject—names of who wrote it, or “author unknown”)**

**1.** **“You Hold the Keys to the Kingdom” -- hymn**
You hold the keys to the Kingdom of God.
Use them now, friend, and when you begin.
Start with the key that will unlock your heart;
Open up and let Jesus come in.

Chorus:
The Master key's next, my dear neighbor.
And it's one you should use every day.
Prayer is the key to the great Pearly Gates
And you're unlocking them when you pray.

Yes, you hold the keys to the Kingdom of God.
Use them now, friend, and when you begin.
Start with the key that will unlock your heart;
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Chorus:
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Yes, you're unlocking them when you pray.

 --Jennie Lou Carson, 1952

1. **Keys to the Kingdom - Poem by Bob Gotti**

The keys to Heaven’s Kingdom, open up eternal things to come,
They’re keys that you do receive, when in Christ you do believe.
A Truth revealed to us from the God of Heaven about His Son,
That His Son is indeed The Christ, and in the Son we have life.

With the Keys we will enter in, His Eternal Kingdom with no sin.
He will build His Church with us, as in Christ men place their trust,
All Authority is given to the Son, to build the Church and Kingdom.
His Authority gives men power, to live for Him each day and hour..

Access we receive from Christ, is used by God through every life,
With access comes responsibility, helping other men come to see,
Whatever you bind on this earth, will become for you eternal worth,
And whatever you do not bind, upon this earth, shall be left behind.

<https://www.poemhunter.com/poem/keys-to-the-kingdom/>

1. **The Power of God – poem by Bill Hoeneveld**

The power of God is so immense,

It is beyond us to make sense,

We mere mortals cannot see,

As religion and science often disagree.

The abundant life on planet Earth,

Shows the power of God’s worth,

Plants and animals and minerals too,

He provided for life to accrue.

When our time here comes to an end,

Our soul and spirit will transcend.

God’s awesome power will be clear,

Creating the wonders of our celestial sphere.

1. **Don’t Limit God! -- by Ken Pilcher, Jr.**

When you choose to dwell on

Your problems, your situation,

Your sickness or your doubts and fears,

You’re forgetting that

 God’s power is infinite!

His power is beyond our understanding

And beyond what we can even imagine.

All His power has been given to

His Son, His Right Hand,

the Lord Jesus

Each day you choose what you’ll believe

By what you think and say.

You either believe the promises of God

Or you limit Him with your unbelief.

So fill your mind with all that Jesus can do!

His Power is Infinite!

**5. Oh, To Know the Power -- by Deborah Ann Belka**

Oh, to know the power,
that Jesus’ death brings
is to have the saving faith
to trust Him for all things.

For in His resurrection,
we’re eternally transformed
and by the power of His Spirit
we are forever conformed.

Oh, to know the power,
that Jesus’ life brought
is to know your sins
on the cross He bought.

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That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings,

being made conformable unto his death (Philippians 3:10).

**(20 Bible verses or portions on the subject—relating to God’s power, the King, and His Kingdom)**

1. [**1 Chronicles 29:11-12**](https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/1-Chronicles/29/11/type/kjv)

Thine, O LORD, *is* the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all *that is* in the heaven and in the earth *is thine*; thine *is* the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour *come* of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand *is* power and might; and in thine hand *it is* to make great, and to give strength unto all.

2. [**Exodus 15:18**](https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/Exodus/15/18/type/kjv)

The LORD shall reign for ever and ever.

3. [**Psalm 47:6-7**](https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/Psalm/47/6/type/kjv)

Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises. For God *is* the King of all the earth.

4. [**Psalm 95:3**](https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/Psalm/95/3/type/kjv)

For the LORD *is* a great God, and a great King above all gods.

5. [**1 Timothy 1:17**](https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/1-Timothy/1/17/type/kjv)

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, *be* honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

6. [**Psalm 47:8**](https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/Psalm/47/8/type/kjv)

God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

7. [**Psalm 145:11-13**](https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/Psalm/145/11/type/kjv)

They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom. Thy kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion *endureth* throughout all generations.

8. [**Matthew 4:17**](https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/Matthew/4/17/type/kjv)

From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

9. [**Luke 11:20**](https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/Luke/11/20/type/kjv)

But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.

10. [**Mark 1:14-15**](https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/Mark/1/14/type/kjv)

Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

11. [**Luke 16:16**](https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/Luke/16/16/type/kjv)

The law and the prophets *were* until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.

12. [**1 Corinthians 15:24**](https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/1-Corinthians/15/24/type/kjv)

Then *cometh* the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

13. [**Revelation 11:15**](https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/Revelation/11/15/type/kjv)

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

14. [**John 1:49**](https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/John/1/49/type/kjv)

Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.

15. [**Matthew 21:5**](https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/Matthew/21/5/type/kjv)

Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass

16. [**Matthew 16:19**](https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/Matthew/27/11/type/kjv)

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.”

17. [**John 18:36-37**](https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/John/18/36/type/kjv)

Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

18. [**Revelation 17:14**](https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/Revelation/17/14/type/kjv)

These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him *are* called, and chosen, and faithful.

19. [**Revelation 19: 13, 16**](https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/Revelation/19/16/type/kjv)

And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And he hath on *his* vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

20. **Ephesians 1:20–21**

Which God wrought in Christ, when He raised him from the dead, and set him at His own right hand in the heavenly places,  Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: