

The Key of David—Breakthrough of Righteousness

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” - **Rev. 3:7**

I. WHY AM I TEACHING ABOUT “THE KEY OF DAVID”?

A. The *Key of David* (under the anointing of the Holy Spirit) is the “key” to authority and power in prophetic and intercessory worship. It is a defining characteristic of those who carry and release the presence of God—a powerful weapon in the hands of those who wage spiritual warfare and expand the boundaries of the Kingdom of God.

B. Why you should *care* about the Key of David? Because you are called to be one of the “Davids of God” in this generation, a spiritual giant-killer—a champion of God. You are called to overcome the darkness within your soul and the darkness that covers the nations (by learning to *live, walk* and *move* in the Holy Spirit). You are called to fill the nations with “presence worship” and release heaven on earth.

C. On February 2002, after leading worship on night (at a Signs and Wonders conference here in KC) the Lord told me: “*I have given you the KEY of David, the authority and power to open the heavens through prophetic worship*”. I did not understand much of it back then, but through the years God has given me more wisdom. (Even though I feel I’m just beginning to grasp it).

II. THE KEY OF DAVID—AUTHORITY AND POWER IN THE SPIRIT

A. The KEY of DAVID is the authority and power to open the heavens through worship and bring God’s people before His Throne. It is the ability to *access* the realm of the spirit and *command* the heavens to open up (and pour down righteousness), and *command* the earth to open (so salvation and righteousness grow together) [Is. 45:8].

B. We use this key (in prophetic worship and intercession)—to drive away darkness, destroy spiritual strongholds and create an “open heaven” over the place.

C. What do I mean by OPEN HEAVENS? In the context of a corporate worship meeting, I mean the tangible presence of Jesus filling the room and a substantial demonstration of Holy Spirit’s power (with healings, deliverance, signs and wonders, etc). In short, people get to experience the awareness of God and encounter the beauty of His majesty (in an atmosphere of faith, miracles and power).

III. AUTHORITY AND POWER ARE “NOT” THE SAME THING

He called His twelve disciples together and gave them **power** (DUNAMIS) and **authority** (EXOUSIA) over all demons, and to cure diseases -- **Luke 9:1**

Then **He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him** and that He might send them out to preach, and **to have power** (EXOUSIA) to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons -- **Mark 3:14-15**

A. The New Testament (normally) uses two Greek words to communicate the meaning of “power”—Dunamis (power) and Exousia (authority). We tend to be more familiar with the first word, *dunamis*. But understanding and applying *exousia* is how we tap into the fullness of *dunamis*.

B. EXOUSIA is the legal right to do something, while DUNAMIS is the ability to back up that right. Here is the meaning of each word in Greek:

1. **Exousia:** authority, right to act, jurisdiction, official permission, privilege.
2. **Dunamis:** raw power, ability, force, strength, might.

Behold, **I give you the authority (exousia)** to trample on serpents and scorpions **and over all the power (dunamis) of the enemy**, and nothing shall by any means hurt you -- **Luke 10:19**

C. Jesus already gave us “delegated authority” over all the *power* of the enemy. That means: we have the “legal right” and “mighty ability” to control all the force of the devil and change any “dunamis atmosphere of darkness”.

D. **Why is this so important?** Because exousia (authority) combined with dunamis (power) is what “the key of David” is all about. We ascend in worship to the Throne Room and descend in power, having total authority in the Name of Jesus.

IV. BASIC “BIBLICAL COSMOLOGY” EXPLAINED (the Three Heavens)

A. Understanding Biblical Cosmology (*the study of the origin and general structure of the universe*) will help us comprehend how the key of David operates and how to use it effectively during prophetic worship.

B. First Heaven—the Vastness of the Sky (Universe):

God said, "Let there be lights in **the expanse of the sky** to separate the day from the night. They will serve as signs for festivals and for days and years. **They will be lights in the expanse of the sky** to provide light on the earth." And it was so. -- **Gen. 1:14-15**

1. The **FIRST** heaven is all that we can see with our physical eyes: the sky, atmosphere, sun, moon, stars, planets, galaxies—the visible universe.

C. Second Heaven—the Domain of Angels (Principalities and Cosmic Powers)

We **do not wrestle** against flesh and blood, **but against the rulers**, against **the authorities**, against **the cosmic powers** over this present darkness, against the **spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places** -- **Eph. 6:12 (ESV)**

1. The **SECOND** heaven is the domain of **EVIL** angelic armies—where Satan’s chain of command resides and operates from. It is also the domain that Holy angels (from the third heaven) pass through, to help the saints in the earth and execute the decrees of God. (The second heavens are not visible to the natural eye, but very real and tangible nonetheless).
2. According to Paul, our “fight” is not against people, but against spiritual forces of evil *in the heavenly places*. What’s more, in Ephesians 2:2 Paul labels Satan as “*the prince of the power of the air*”, “*the ruler of the evil powers that are above the earth*” (NCV), “*the ruler who exercises authority over the lower heavens*” (HCSB). (Also see Dan 10:10-12 and Rev 12:7-9).
3. **Why is the will of God not always done on earth?** The answer lies between the free will of man and the evil influence of Satan’s chain of command in the second heavens: a network of principalities, authorities, rulers of darkness, and spiritual forces of evil (Eph. 6:12).

4. That network of darkness (empowered by human choices) is momentarily blocking God's perfect will on earth. So, it's fair to ask "how is this possible after the victory Jesus won on the Cross?" Well... we (the human race) make it possible, by agreeing with wickedness. Satan's network obtains "legal right" (authority) by leveraging our rebellion against God—gaining control (over entire regions, cities and nations) through personal and corporate sin *like*, idolatry, bloodshed, immorality, theft, witchcraft, etc.

D. Third Heaven—the Glorious Dwelling Place of God (Holy Temple | Throne Room):

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago--whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows--such a one was **caught up to the third heaven ...caught up into Paradise** and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter -- **II Cor. 12:1-4**

1. The THIRD heaven is the dwelling place of God and the eternal home of the redeemed—the mountain city of God, where the Lord is enthroned in His Holy Temple. After resurrecting, Jesus ascended, passed through the "second heavens" (Heb. 4:14) and seated at the right hand of the Father (in the third heaven).
2. Like the second heavens, the "third heavens" are not visible to the natural eye, but very real and substantial nonetheless. The apostle John saw a "door standing open" (Rev. 4:1) and heard the Lord's voice calling him to "come up HERE"—the third heaven is where "HERE" is.

V. OPERATING THE "KEY OF DAVID" DURING PROPHETIC WORSHIP

"Rain down, you heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness; let the earth open, let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together. I the Lord have created it. -- IS. 45:8

A. The Key of David enable us to STEP into the "second heavens" (the domain of angels) and *command* those heavens to open up, so that righteousness may be pour down from the "third heavens" (God's Throne Room). We also have authority to command the earth to open wide and receive the power of the Kingdom of God (so salvation and righteousness may grow together). Declaring with the Lord, like Isaiah: "Open up you heavens; pour down righteousness, and let the earth open wide so salvation and righteousness spring up together".

B. We may use Isaiah's language or not, what matters is the change in the atmosphere—when we move with the Key of David, the heavens open, Jesus manifests His presence and oppression is replaced by the freedom of His Spirit.

VI. PLOWING UNCULTIVATED GROUND AND SEEKING HIM—UNTIL HE COMES

Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed (uncultivated) ground; for it is time to seek the LORD, until he comes and showers righteousness on you -- Hosea 10:12 (NIV)

A. Hosea 10:12 is a powerful verse for our personal devotional life. But this verse also illustrates powerful aspects of ascension in worship and the key of David.

B. As we ascend in worship, we sow righteousness and break up uncultivated ground. We seek the Lord (yearn for His presence); we keep sowing and plowing (ascending), breaking up the dullness of our own hearts and the *apathy* over the people in the room; we keep searching, seeking and yearning for the Lord's awareness—UNTIL HE COMES—and showers His goodness and righteousness upon us.

Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, **that glory may dwell in our land... truth shall spring out of the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.** Yes, the Lord will give what is good; and our land will yield its increase -- **Psalm 85:9-12**

For as **the earth** brings forth its bud, as **the garden** causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, **so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth** before all the nations -- **Is. 61:11**

C. The more HE comes (in his manifest presence) the more "glory" will dwell in our land and the more righteousness will look down from heaven, and truth will spring out of the earth—until "praise" springs forth before all the nations (global picture).

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me... that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified." -- **Is. 61:1-3**

D. The main purpose of the anointing is to cultivate trees of righteousness (the redeemed)—the planting of the Lord. Yes, the Spirit of the lord will come upon you and teach *you* how to use the Key of David in worship, to plant, cultivate, develop and nurture the planting of the Lord (His Bride) among the nations.

VII. FRESH ANOINTING RUNNING DOWN (Like the Dew of Hermon Descending)

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is **for brethren to dwell together in unity!** It is **like the precious oil upon the head, running down** on the beard, the beard of Aaron, **running down on** the edge of his garments. It is **like the dew of Hermon, descending** upon the mountains of Zion; For there the Lord **commanded the blessing-- Life forevermore” – Ps. 133 (Psalm of Ascent)**

A. Nothing unifies brethren like corporate worship—what theology trends cannot accomplish... focus on the beauty of Jesus will. Psalm 133 (a psalm of *ascension*) paints a beautiful picture of what takes place during “ascension in corporate worship” and illustrates the tangible results of activating the “key of David”.

B. *“Like precious oil upon the head”*—Aaron, the high priest, is a type of Jesus, our great High Priest—the Gospel of Matthew declares that *“a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head”*- Mt. 26:7 NIV – worship upon the Head of the Church *“ascends”* and His anointing *“descends”*. (Like precious oil running down on the beard... running down on the edge of his garments).

C. *“Like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion”* —another proof of ascension is the refreshing breeze of the Holy Spirit falling upon the congregation. Also, the release of God’s *“Commanded Blessing”* (the fullness of God) and *“eternal life”* (which according to John 17:3 is the unfolding of the knowledge of God).

D. In short, the Key of David combined with “ascension” in worship facilitates the corporate *“adoration”* of the Holy One (to encounter Him and live captured by His glorious majesty) and the *“descending of”* the anointing of the Holy Spirit: times of refreshment in God’s presence, the commanded blessing and the unfolding of the Knowledge of God.