

# INSTRUCTIONS IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

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# God's Extraordinary Keys

Catastrophic earthquakes, tsunamis and nuclear threats are continually exposing the reality of our frail existence. These are signs of the times which point to the book of Revelation. They should not take us by surprise for we have been warned; these are the beginnings of birth pains (Mt. 24:7-8). The most prepared nations cannot avoid these natural disasters, wars, or the economic collapse that looms before us. We are in the foothills of the great tribulation and the world is not ready for it. The Church is not ready either, but God will make her ready. The birth pains mentioned above involve a powerful end-time church, soon to be born. The fast-approaching pressures of unrelenting judgment will help train us to be partners with God. The Bible tells of 4 extraordinary, supernatural keys that we will need in order to be victorious in the days ahead. These keys can open impossible doors.

Keys are mentioned only 8 times in the Bible. Four are for doors, gates and knowledge; but the other 4 are extraordinary keys that open supernatural doors. Let us look at these 4 amazing keys.

- 1. The Key of <u>Death and Hell</u> (Re. 1:18),
- 2. The Key for Favor During Trials (Re. 3:7),
- 3. The Key to your Family's Destiny (Isa. 22:22-24),
- 4. The Key to fight <u>Demonic Battles</u> (Mt. 16:19).

### 1. The Key of Death and Hell

At the beginning of the book of Revelation, (Re. 1:18) Jesus reveals Himself to John as the Warrior King of Heaven. John is frightened; he loses his strength and collapses to the ground. Jesus tells him not to be afraid because <u>He holds the keys of death and Hell</u>. Only the Lord decides when someone dies and if they will go to Hell. He alone has the keys. If John, or any of us, walk close to Jesus, we need not fear premature death or missing our place in heaven. No person or demon can kill a disciple who is walking in the perfect will of God and they can never drag a soul into Hell. Walk close to the Lord and His protection, timing and placement, for your eternal wellbeing, are secure. Furthermore, if you are God's friend, then He hears your prayers. You can call on Him to be merciful and to extend grace to your loved ones and friends. Only Jesus holds these keys and He will do everything possible to save a soul from death or Hell if one of His personal friends persists in prayer.

## 2. The Key for Favor During Trials

The second extraordinary key is the one that will open the door of God's favor during times of great trial. Read Revelation 3:7-13 to get all of the details.

Here, Jesus tells John to write to the 7 churches of Asia. He commends the Church of Philadelphia but warns of the trails that are coming. He says,

"These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the <u>key of David</u>. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know you have little strength, yet you have kept my word." Re. 3:7-8 Jesus tells the saints at Philadelphia about the trials that are coming, but says He will keep them from those trials. He promises to extend the key of favor to them while the rest of the world is suffering under judgments. Only He holds the key to give protection and grace during difficult times. This is for people who will meet His requirements. Like the church of Philadelphia, we must have godly deeds, must keep His word, and not deny His name. We must resist counterfeits and endure patiently. We must walk in faith and obedience. Then, like the church of Philadelphia, we will become pillars among the people of God and have many of His special names written on our lives. There is a supernatural key that God uses to release favor on His people during times of great trials. You need this key and it is available to you if you meet God's conditions. Once He opens the door of favor, no one can shut it.

#### 3. Key to Your Family's Destiny

The 3rd extraordinary key that the Bible talks about is the key that will release God's destiny over your family. We read in Isaiah:

"Eliakim ... I will clothe him with your robe ... and hand your authority over to him. He will be a father to those in ... Jerusalem ... I will place on his shoulder the key to the house of David; what he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. I will drive him like a peg into a firm place; <u>he</u> will be a seat of honor for the house of his father. All the glory of his family will hang on him; its offspring and offshoots-all its lesser vessels, from the bowls to the jars." Isa. 22:20–24

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This scripture is not about the key of David that we learned of earlier; it is about the key to David's house or family. Eliakim is God's example. He is just the kings servant but the Lord will bless him with the authority and glory of the king and this blessing will be for his family. He is chosen to be a spiritual key for his family. God may have chosen you to be a special doorway of blessing and destiny for your brothers and sisters, your parents, your cousins and for all of your descendants. This is a generational blessing key that God gave Eliakim to wear on his shoulder. It was part of his clothing and was always with him. Through him, God poured blessings on his whole family; even to descendants who were not yet born. This key is for all of his offspring (coming descendants) and his offshoots (their godly business and ministries). All of the vessels (both large and small) that are filled with God's glory for his family hang on him. He is driven like a peg into the ground. In other words, his godly life-example of love, wisdom and faith is unmovable.

If you are inspired by this key, then I suggest that God is calling you to be a doorway for blessings to flow to your family. You have a key for your family's destiny. No one can shut that

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door of blessing. You may also lock the door to keep the darkness out.

#### 4. The Key to fight Demon Battles

Jesus said to His disciples, "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. Mt. 16:19

This is the supernatural key of authority to bind demons. Some problems cannot be fixed by good advice alone. Demons must be cast out and strongholds must be broken. In another place Jesus says, "*These signs will accompany those who believe; in my name they will drive out demons.*"*Mk.* 16:17

The first 2 keys are held by Jesus but the other 2 He gives to you. God revealed 4 keys (in the Bible) to show what is available if you will walk with Him. Their extraordinary power has been extended to you.

- 1. Recognize that the keys were given by God to bless you.
- 2. Pray and ask God to show you how to meet His conditions so that the benefits of the keys will come to you and your family.
- 3. Step forward in faith and use the keys that He puts in your hands.
- 4. Only Jesus holds the keys of Death and Hell and the key of David so ask Him to bless you and those you minister to by using these keys in your favor. AQ



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