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Keys Of The Kingdom

By Charles Capps

Jesus said, *“I will give unto you 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”* not “the keys to the kingdom.” (Matthew 16:19)

Sometimes people think they have the keys **to** the kingdom. No, we have the keys **of** the kingdom. The kingdom of God is within us; we are in it now. Now there is a great difference in the keys to the kingdom and the keys of the kingdom.

If someone gave you the keys to a large hotel, it would get you into the main hall, but you probably couldn't get into one room in that hotel. If you have the keys of the hotel you can get into every room.

Jesus said, *“But rather seek ye the kingdom of God: and all these things*

shall be added unto you. Fear not, little flock; for it is your father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” (Luke 12:31-32)

The literal Greek says the Father took great delight in giving you the kingdom. So we are in the kingdom of God today and the kingdom of God is within us. *“... The kingdom of God cometh not with observation...the kingdom of God is within you.”* (Luke 17:20-21)

God has given us the kingdom; we have the keys. We are capable of operating in that kingdom. A key in that day represented knowledge. The people that were highly educated in that day, instead of getting a diploma from a school, wore big keys that hung on their belt. You could look at a person and see how educated they were. The keys stood for knowledge, and a key is something that unlocks. Jesus said, “I give you the keys of the kingdom,” then immediately revealed

some knowledge of those keys. “Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Too many people are waiting for God to move, and praying for God to do something about their finances. They’ve been praying for God to do many things that the Bible tells us to do.

In Joshua 1:8 God told Joshua, *“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and thou shalt have good success.”* You notice that it was Joshua that was going to cause good success to come his way, if he did what God told him to do. Joshua couldn’t expect to receive the things God said he could have if he didn’t do what God told him to do. Neither can we expect to walk in victory if we don’t use the keys of the kingdom that God has given us on earth.

One translation reads: “whatever thou has authority to bind on earth is what is already bound in heaven, whatsoever thou has authority to loose on earth is what is already loosed in heaven.” Well, that adds some light to it. Stop and ask yourself, “what is bound out of heaven?” There is no sickness, no disease, no poverty there. We have the authority to bind that on the earth, and stop it from operating on

the part we’re walking on. Then what is loosed in heaven? There is health up there, there is happiness, there is prosperity. There is no lack there. Thank God we have the authority to loose those things on the earth. It must be the will of God for it to be

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on the earth as it is in heaven. Jesus even taught the disciples to pray this way. *“Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.”* (Matthew 6:10) If Jesus said to pray this way, then it has to be God’s will. We know Jesus would not ask His disciples to pray something against the will of God.

Some people believe God intended for the earth to fall under satan’s rule. They believe that God intended for the earth to be a lower order, but I believe God designed it to operate in the laws of the Spirit world and to be a duplication of the planet that spawned it, and of the spirit world that brought it into existence.

Through the fall of man the earth was brought down to a lower order. When Adam bowed his knee to satan, and satan became the god of the world system, then all men came under that system. But Jesus came to destroy, to loosen, dissolve and undo the works of the devil. (1 John 3:8B Amplified) Jesus took back that authority and delivered it back to man. Jesus said I will give you the keys of the kingdom.

You can see that is future, but he brought it into the present.



Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he was heard to proclaim, “... **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**” (Matthew 28:18) He had it all – all power. Then He turned to the believers and said **you** go. The 16th chapter of Mark records it, “Now you go in my name, you cast out demons, you speak with new tongues, you lay hands on the sick and they will recover.” So Jesus returned that authority to the believer. Some think He carried it on to heaven with Him, and when we get to heaven we’ll have this power and this authority. Well, what will we do with it then? We don’t need it then; we need it now. There will be no enemy in heaven. There will be no sickness there, no disease there, no poverty there. We need it now, here in this earth, in this life. Jesus said I give you the keys of the kingdom, and one

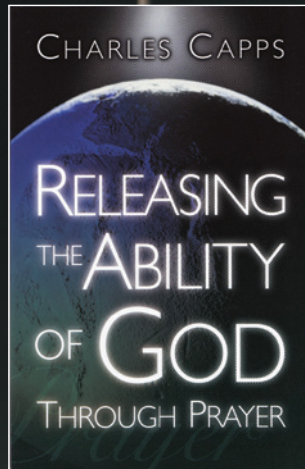
of the keys of the kingdom is “whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven.” All heaven will stand behind what you bind in Jesus’ name.

How do you bind? You can bind satan with your words, and you can render him harmless and ineffective against you by using the Word of God, by speaking in agreement with what God says.

Paul says, “**neither give place to the devil.**” (Ephesians) Evidently we can give place to the devil, especially with our words. “**Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth...**” (Proverbs 6:2)

Many are binding their finances by the words of their mouth. They are loosing the ability of satan against their home by saying “satan is destroying my home”, or “satan is stealing my finances.” Jesus gave you the power of binding and loosing, and you are loosing the wrong thing.

As He stood on the mountain and said, “all power is given unto me in heaven and earth,” He turned immediately to the disciples and gave all who believe in His name, the keys of the kingdom. He gave the authority of this earth to man, and man became the agent which God uses to bring about His work in the earth. Too many people are still waiting for God to move in the earth. They want God to do something about the devil, sickness, and poverty, when God has already done all He is going to do about the devil until the end time. He has done it all through Jesus. We must act on His words and do the things He said to do.



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Praise Report

Hello, I wanted to share a praise report with you!

In June 2016, I had a spontaneous coronary artery dissection heart attack. I was a healthy 35 yr old woman, with no health problems. It was an attack of the devil. I knew it was God's will to heal me and am very thankful for friends and pastors who stood with us for my complete healing. About a month ago I ordered your minibook God's Creative Power for Healing (for a present for my friend). The day it arrived I wasn't feeling well and that night I couldn't sleep, so my 5 year old son and I got up and read the entire book. Every day my children bring me the book and we read the confessions together (I ended up ordering more mini books because I can't seem to keep the one I have. I keep finding people to give it to). After confessing God's Word over my situation, I'm off almost all the medications and today I was told I'm no longer in heart failure and my heart is nearly normal again! I am healed! It's so exciting to be walking in victory!

Thank you for teaching the undiluted word of God!

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Communication

By Peggy Capps

Are you an effectual communicator, or do you have trouble communicating?

One way we can become effectual is found in Philemon, verse 6. Paul said, "That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every *good thing* which is in you in Christ Jesus."

One of the qualities I have noticed about good communicators is they are genuinely concerned about the wellbeing of others, and they talk about *good things!*

Why are some people so easy to like, and others are not? Could it possibly be the ones you don't understand are not good communicators? Have you ever noticed how some never have anything good to say, but are always complaining about something? They never smile.

A sure way to be unlikable is to put others down instead of lifting them up and to be arrogant about doing it.

Paul also said in First Corinthians 15:33, "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners." Proverbs 15 :23 tells us, "A man hath *joy* by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season how good is it!" Do you have joy? If not, check up on the words you are speaking.

How do we learn to communicate with our children and family?

Sometimes it is simply a matter of taking time to listen to others. We can communicate by just being a good listener. Did you ever try to talk to someone and know they didn't hear a word you were saying? It is very frustrating.

Take time to listen to your children and others as well, even if it can only be a few minutes of the day. Let them know you will take the time to

communicate with them.

Proverbs 16:21 tells us, "The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning." Verse 23 continues, "The heart of the wise teacheth his MOUTH, and addeth LEARNING to his LIPS."

Proverbs 17:27 reads, "He that hath knowledge spareth his words "OUCH. Sometimes I don't spare my words, which shows my ignorance. Verse 28 continues: "Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding."

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Psalms 37:30,31 tells us, "The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment. The law of his God is in his heart"

Learn to be a good communicator by listening to others and showing a genuine concern for them. Learn to communicate with God. Don't be a complainer, but praise and magnify Him for who He is and for all His blessings.

Remember, sometimes we need to be quiet in order to hear what God is saying to us.

Ecclesiastes 1:16 reads, "I communed with my own heart, saying, Lo, I am come to great estate, and have gotten more wisdom than all they that have been before me in Jerusalem: yea, my heart had great experience of wisdom and knowledge."

Our heart or spirit is how we commune with God, so when we are quiet before God we can gain knowledge and wisdom by communicating with our heavenly Father.



Helping God Resolve Your Problems

By **Annette Capps**

Did you know that God needs help resolving the problems in your life? No, He doesn't need more power. He is omnipotent. He doesn't need more wisdom to be able to put the pieces of the puzzle of your life together for He is the source of all wisdom. What kind of help could God possibly need? He needs your co-operation.

Have you ever tried to put shoes and socks on a 2 year old? It is a simple problem for an adult. You have the ability and knowledge but it definitely takes co-operation from the child!

I am convinced that God desires to quickly answer our prayer, meet our needs, and resolve problems in our lives if we only knew how to co-operate with Him! One of the greatest obstacles is denying that a problem or sin exists, or if we do

admit it, then we ignore it thinking it will go away. The only way that you will ever be free from it is to face the problem head on and deal with it. In counseling with people, I have found a common misconception. It is a misinterpretation of Romans 4:17; "... even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were." Notice, He calls things that *are not* as though they *were*... not "calls things that *are* as though they *are not*." There are mind science religions built on the principle of denying what exists.

AVOIDING CONFRONTATION

If you have a recurring sin or problem that is hindering your living abundantly, then denying the problem will only cause you to avoid confrontation with it. This means

that God will not be able to help you resolve it! Until you are able to be honest with God and yourself, nothing will change.

Remember the woman at the well? She definitely needed to face the fact that there was a sin in her life, but when Jesus confronted her, she changed the subject quickly. Pride, fear, and guilt will keep us avoiding confrontation as long as possible. It will also keep us bound and *God* bound from helping us. God is an unchangeable God, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Our problems – strife, jealousy, unforgiveness, irresponsibility, our sins – gluttony, laziness, drunkenness, adultery, fornication, these are *all* subject to change! When you bring your problem, your sin, in contact with the unchangeable God, something must change, must move, and it's not God!

CLEANSING THE HEART

The works of the flesh are a manifestation of something in the heart. Jesus said, "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies;" Matthew 15:19. If you are a slave to a habit, cannot overcome the temptation to sin, then you need to be cleansed from all unrighteousness. You can make vows to yourself, vows to God. You can offer sacrifices of extreme self-denial, commit yourself to hours of Bible reading and prayer, then slip back into the same mess a week later. These are works that will not impress God. To fall on the mercy and forgiveness of God, confessing your sins is only one part of it. To receive cleansings of unrighteousness is a much more permanent solution!

He has already forgiven. When we come to Him with honesty and complete openness, He can move miraculously on our behalf!

The devil has kept so many of God's people bound with sins and weighted down with personal problems out of fear, guilt, and pride. These things should be exposed immediately to yourself and God. He is not the Accuser, He is not the one who condemns. He has *already* forgiven. When we come to Him with honesty and complete openness, He can move *miraculously* on our behalf!

David in Psalms 51 cried to God from his *heart*. He was completely honest with God. Psalms 51:2-3 "Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me." Verses 7-10 "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness: that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. Hide

thy face from My sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. *Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.*”

David not only asked for forgiveness but cleansing. His words of repentance came not just from his mouth but his heart. When you make the *decision* that you want your problems resolved, God will move mountains of obstacles but you must be willing to co-operate with Him.

WHEN YOU HAVE TRIED EVERYTHING

Smith Wigglesworth said, “It is when we are at the end of our own resources, that we can enter into the riches of God’s resources. It is when we possess nothing, that we can possess all things.

When we have tried everything and done all we know to do, then we can *fully* realize that we cannot do it alone. We *need* God. If we could overcome, solve all our problems, why

would we need a Savior? Obviously the human race was not capable of dealing with the sin problem, so God sent Jesus. The world is forgiven of their sins, but without co-operation on their part (repentance and receiving forgiveness) God cannot solve the problem of sin their lives. God is wanting to deal with his people in a new way during this time, preparing us for greater things. We must get our house (temple) in order. I challenge you to identify the hindrance in your life and pray this prayer. “Faithful God, I have a mountain in my life. It is causing me frustration, guilt and confusion. I openly confess before you that I have not been able to overcome it. In the Name of Jesus, I speak to this mountain – BE REMOVED! I rebuke every satanic spirit that has attacked me, and I fall on your mercy God. Cleanse me from all unrighteousness. Show me what steps I must take to be completely free.”



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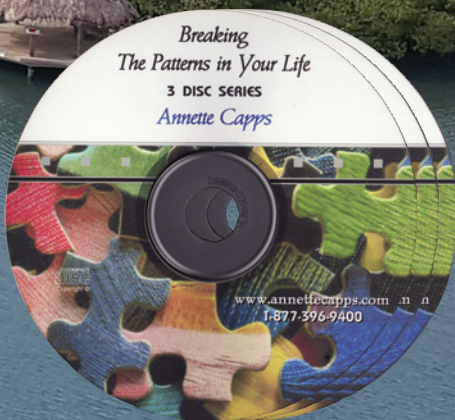
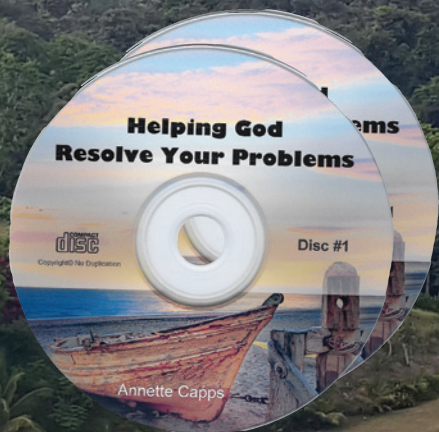
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“I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; With my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.” Psalms 89:1

When I was a young teenager and discovering who I was, I also wanted to make my own choices on what to believe about God. I am Charles Capps’ granddaughter, and I had grown up reading the “faith-tales,” my mom Beverly wrote, and you better believe I knew all about the power in our words. Even at fifteen I knew to ask God, and He would be faithful and just to answer me. But just because I knew it, didn’t mean I didn’t question it. So I decided I would ask God to prove to me He was real and His Word was true.

I prayed, “Father God, if you are real and answer these questions, I will always believe in you. First, “What is your favorite color?” (A childish unimportant detail to most). Second, “Why are we here and what is our purpose as human beings on Earth?” (A discovery that all of humanity has been asking for all time). Anyone wondering about my personality could get a grasp on it just from those queries. The answers to these questions were especially important to me because I knew I could never come up with an answer to either on my own; so if God answered me I would have no skepticism left.

His response did not come in an audible voice, nor did it come from

some other person speaking to me. Within just two weeks of asking God I received revelation in my spirit not once, but twice. The first question I asked was the first He responded to. His Holy Spirit told me this: “Every color you can see with your human eye on Earth are my favorite colors. There are many more, but these are the few I picked for you to see.” Oh! I was awestruck. Man was that a good answer! He overwhelmed me with the sincerity and the beauty of His answer. How incredible is our God that he gave us his best and his favorites. However, I was a skeptical teenager and that wasn’t the only question I asked. If God was going to have my loyalty forever then I was waiting for that question of humanity. I wouldn’t let Him off easy.

He did it. God answered ME, just a teenage girl who questioned her faith. He cared enough about me to respond to that life altering question.

I hope you are anxious to know what in the world I could possibly think the answer to human existence is. It is as simple and beautiful as God’s favorite color. This is what He said:

“You are all here to discover who I am through others. Every single person on this planet has been created with a small piece of Me; a fragment of my personality. The more people you get to know and love, the more you know who I really am.”

This is when I learned the true



by **BreAnne Brue**

Creative Director at Capps Ministries

meaning of reverence: a feeling of deep respect, love, awe and esteem. What an amazing God we serve! He made each and every one of us in His image. He thought to create the self-reflective, the analytical, the introverted; He thought to create the emotional and empathetic, the light-hearted, and the extroverted. Can you just imagine that God has the humor to laugh the same way we do?

“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.” Genesis 1:26-27

Since each and every one of us was created in God’s image, then we should be so grateful to be in the presence of others. It is not always as easy as it should be. Sometimes it is hard to see what an individual might be reflecting of God Himself. We are all human and exposed to sin and worldly things. That is where we rely on His Holy Spirit to guide us in forgiveness, patience, and love.

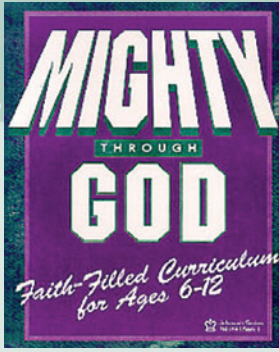
“... since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in

knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.” Colossians 3:9-15

“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness...”

Let us discover how to be receptive to the personalities and ideas of others. We serve an incredible God with more complexities than we can imagine. So therefore be open to the personalities and ideas of others because maybe we can learn a little more about God through their totally different way of thinking, and maybe they can learn the same from us.



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