

KINGDOM KEYS & DOORS PT 6| PRAYER: WHY & HOW | PASTOR RYAN ROBERTS

WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING SPIRITUAL/KINGDOM KEYS AND DOORS: SIMPLY, PRACTICALLY SPEAKING: KEYS ARE VITAL TO UNLOCKING LEVELS OF ACCESS TO THE TERRITORY (HOME, BUSINESS, PROGRAMS, EVEN KINGDOMS).

KEY REPRESENTS A DIFFERENT LEVEL OF ACCESS, A DIFFERENT LEVEL OF ABILITY, <u>NOT NECESSARILY</u> <u>IMPORTANCE,</u> BUT CERTAINLY A LEVEL OF TRUST!

MATTHEW 16:18-20

WHAT ARE THE KEYS? THE "KEYS" ARE KINGDOM PRINCIPLES FROM <u>THE WORD OF GOD</u>, THAT WHEN <u>PUT</u> <u>INTO PRACTICE</u> OPEN THE SPIRITUAL/SUPERNATURAL DOORS.

WHAT ARE THE DOORS? THE "DOORS" ARE THE PROMISES OF GOD FOUND <u>IN THE WORD OF GOD</u>, ACCESS GRANTED BECAUSE OF THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST (OUR COVENANT).

NOTICE: WE ARE TALKING ABOUT PRINCIPLES FROM GOD'S WORD! NOT HUMAN OPINION!



WEEK ONE: KEY: HONOR DOOR: AUTHORITY

WEEK TWO:

KEY: PRAISE DOOR: PROVISIONAL BREAKTHROUGH

WEEK THREE:

KEY: STEADFAST PERSERVIERENCE DOOR: VICTORIOUS LIVING OVER STRONGHOLDS

WEEK FOUR: THE KEY OF SUBMISSION THAT UNLOCKS THE DOOR TO FREEDOM

WEEK FIVE: THE KEY HUMBLE REPENTANCE THAT UNLOCKS THE DOOR TO THE FATHER'S EMBRACE

BUT THIS WEEK I DON'T HAVE A SPECIFIC KEY OR DOOR... BUT RATHER I HAVE SEVERAL KEY TRUTHS ABOUT ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PARTS OF BEING A BELIEVER... PRAYER.

IN THE OLD COVENANT GOD'S PEOPLE WOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH A HUMAN MEDIATOR, TO APPROACH GOD BUT NOW WE HAVE ACCESS TO GOD'S HOLY PLACE, AND WE CAN APPROACH HIS THRONE NOT AS POOR PITIFUL SINNERS BUT AS SINNERS SAVED, TRANSFORMED INTO SONS & DAUGHTERS THROUGH THE BLOOD OF CHRIST!

HEBREWS 4:14-16

HEBREWS 10:19-22

I WANT TO TRY TO ANSWER 4 QUESTIONS: WHAT IS PRAYER? WHY SHOULD WE PRAY? WHY DOES GOD WANT US TO PRAY? AND HOW ARE WE TO PRAY?

QUESTION 1: WHAT IS PRAYER?

Prayer: connecting & communing with God.

TRUTH: Prayer is so important that we cannot afford not to. Colossians 4:2, 1 Thessalonians 5:17

TRUTH: Devoting yourself to prayer will not come naturally; it's a spiritual discipline.

QUESTION 2: WHY PRAY?

The fact that God is sovereign essentially means that He has the power, wisdom, and authority to do anything He chooses within His creation. AND HE DOES!

HOWEVER, GOD IS SO SOVEREIGN THAT He has chosen to give mankind free will and choice. This doesn't remove His sovereignty, He has the power to choose, to sit down and allow us to choose. God DOES intervene in creation, but it does not remove our free will.

YES, GOD IS ALL POWERFUL... BUT THAT DOES NOT CHANGE THAT HE DESIRES US TO PRAY....

WHY PRAY???

- 1. God told us to ask!
- 2. God told us to seek Him!
- 3. The Bible is full of examples of God's people praying (including our Lord Jesus!)
- 4. History is full of examples (A study of Church history confirms every major move of God [revivals/awakenings] came after consistent prayer.

QUESTION 3: WHY DOES GOD WANT US TO ASK?

- 1. Humility, respect, & honor to our God. James 4:2
- 2. We learn gratefulness, patience, and TRUST. James 4:3

 God is not obligated to answer wrong motives.>
- 3. It propels us to approach God our Father, and gets us in His glorious presence. Exodus 20:5, Exodus 4:14,

QUESTION 4: HOW DO I PRAY?

MATTHEW 6:5-15

JESUS TAUGHT US TO PRAY FOR THE KINGDOM TO COME AND GOD'S WILL BE DONE!

Jesus continues to teach on Kingdom Life:

Matthew 7:7-29

SIMPLE KEYS TO APPROACHING GOD:

- 1. I approach God with all honor, acknowledging He is the Holy God.
- 2. I approach God acknowledging that He is my Heavenly Father, and I am adopted by Him through Jesus.
- 3. I approach God acknowledging His faithfulness, reminding Him of His promises, which not only implores God but reminds me of His history.
- 4. Finally, I approach God acknowledging that my requests/needs are heard and I leave it in His righteous hands... I bend my will towards His.

POST PRAYER: I praise God sacrificially! Prayer is like placing seed in the ground, but praise waters it! My prayer request turns into a faith declaration!

James 1:2-18

PRAYER WORKS, PRAYER MATTERS, PRAYER CHANGES THINGS