**Adult Sunday School** March 18, 2012

**The Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven**

Mat. 16:16-19

Mt 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19 And I will give unto thee 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.

1. **All True Revelation comes from God;**

**“Living God**” Father, The Son and The Holy Ghost

* 1. The Keys of the Kingdom will be given.

I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: Jn 1:12; 3:3,5 (Mt 23:13; Lu 11:52)

Luke 17:21 “the kingdom of God is within you”

**Jesus Made Suffering Triumph over Death**

Re 3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Re 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

Mt 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Lu 12:31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.

1. Warning and Teaching are given by Christ

3 “can ye not discern the **signs** of the times”?

4 “A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign”

6 Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

12 Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the **doctrine** of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

1. **The Authority of Christ**

Who has His Authority? It is according to His Desire.

**Authority** will never be perfected until we are aware of our own inability to bring about freedom to a man on our own merit and strength...  the one who rightly understands and applies Authority. The one who rightly relates themselves with God and places themselves at his mercies for his purpose, understanding his great works and the works he wills to do through us...    I Cor. 15:57-58; II Cor. 2:14; Eph.3:7-12; Song 7:10 “**his desire** is toward me”

**Spiritual Authority** is the privilege of Responsibility with accountability that comes with the Revelation of **Christ** in your life, (not just words) its sorely needed especially for this is the "end time"

The Authority of Christ will work in the life of the submissive believer that God’s Word has made strong with (“POWER” and Authority) and the FIRE of His WORD has PURIFIED.

Thank you Lord; for the Authority of YOUR WORD which is the Supreme Authority that we submit to and find to work in our life as we receive and obey you.

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: {power: or, the right, or, privilege, authority}

**Mat 8 :9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.**

1. **The centurion understood authority.**
2. **The centurion understood humility.**
3. **The centurion had faith in the Power of the Word of the Lord.**
   1. **He believed that Jesus was Lord**
   2. **He believed Jesus spoke with authority to heal.**

Mt 8:8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but **speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed**.

The more humility the more faith; the more weak we are ourselves, the stronger will be our confidence in Jesus Christ. He had an assurance of faith not only that Christ could heal his servant, but, He could heal him by speaking the Word with authority at a distance.

Mt 8:10 When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. 13 And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

1. Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God
   1. Jesus is the Son of man
   2. Jesus is the Giver of life and virtue
   3. Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God
   4. Jesus is the Rock, and the builder
   5. Jesus Christ is the Word made flesh
      1. Suffering Saviour-Lu1:47;2:11; Ju25

Jn 4:42 ;Ac 5:31;13:23; Eph 5:23; Php 3:20;1Ti 1:1; 1Jo 4:14

* + 1. The One Mediator 1Ti 2:5
    2. The ONLY Great High Priest

Heb 4:14 “we have a Great High Priest”

* + 1. The Bride Groom

Mt 22:2; Jn. 3:29; II Chron. 11:22; Re 19:7-8; 21:9

* + 1. LORD and KING

Lu19:38;Jn 12:13;1Ti 6:15;1Pe 2:13;Re17:14; 19:16

1. **THE Humility OF THE CHRIST.**
   1. From Son of God,
   2. To Everlasting Father of creation
   3. No reputation- a form of a servant.
   4. To the likeness of a man.
   5. To giving His life-death on the cross.
   6. Resurrected (many infallible proofs)
2. **The Responsibility of the House**

Heb 3:6 Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we…hold fast the **confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end**. 4:2