

Binding and Loosing

Matthew 16:13-19 ¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He *said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.”

Whatever the Son sees the Father doing, the Son does likewise...

Jesus makes it clear- He will be building His church on the Rock of Revelation- He is the Savior of the World!

But there is clear opposition: The gates of Hell, Jesus says, will seek to overpower His church, but not prevail.

We have been given the keys to God’s Kingdom, with power and authority to bind and loose his will in the earth.

Binding and loosing is a vital practice of the church, but it is widely misunderstood, and therefore, little used.

The church binds and looses spiritual things in the earth, breaking the hold of the kingdom of darkness and delivering people to the kingdom of God.

Matthew 18:19 ¹⁹ “Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven.

Binding and loosing depends directly on our unity and the prayer life of the church. If WE agree, WE can bind and loose and our Father is working with us.

There are good things bound that must be loosed, and there are evil things that need to be bound so good can be loosed.

What does it mean to bind? Bind: to tie, fasten with chains, to throw into chains, to forbid, prohibit, declare to be illicit

Rev. 20:1-2 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. ² And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years

Not wrestling with flesh and blood, woman “whom Satan has bound these 18 years”

Luke 13:11 ¹¹ And there was a woman who for eighteen years had had a sickness caused by a spirit; and she was bent double, and could not straighten up at all.

Matthew 12:28-29 ²⁸ But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²⁹ Or how can anyone enter the strong man’s house and carry off his property, unless he first binds the strong *man*? And then he will plunder his house.

Binding also has some constructive uses: to put under obligation, of the law, duty, etc.

Declaring a couple to be bound together in holy matrimony, to preserve moral integrity and covenant faithfulness

What does it mean to loose? Loose: break, destroy, dissolve, melt, break up, break down

Sometimes we loose a blessings that has been bound. Other times, we loose a perverse or corrupt force from power.

To loose: to unbind a person, release from bonds, set free one bound up (swathed in bandages) as in sickness or death

John 11:43-44 ⁴³ When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth." ⁴⁴ The man who had died came forth, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus *said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Loosing one who is bound with chains (a prisoner), to discharge from prison, to let go

Peter freed through prayer; Paul and Silas freed through worship and prayer

To loosen, undo, dissolve, anything bound, tied, or compacted together

Acts 4:26 ²⁶ 'The kings of the earth took their stand, And the rulers were gathered together Against the Lord and against His Christ.'

To dismiss or break up an assembly

Paul in Ephesus- Great is Artemis of Ephesians- Town clerk

To dismiss or break up laws- as having a binding force, are likened to bonds

Roe Vs. Wade- much work to be done, against pornography, trafficking, exploitation of children

To annul, subvert, as in vows or curses

Husbands and fathers can release their wives and unmarried daughters from rash vows

Curses from shedding innocent blood, generational curses,

To do away with, to deprive of authority, whether by precept or act

spiritual authorities, and human authorities

To declare unlawful, to loose what is compacted or built together, to break up, demolish, destroy

Is it in violation of God's Law? Then we loose (release) it's hold on my friend's life, on society, etc.

Jeremiah 1:9-12 ⁹ Then the Lord stretched out His hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me, "Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. ¹⁰ "See, I have appointed you this day over the nations and over the kingdoms, To pluck up and to break down, To destroy and to overthrow, To build and to plant." ¹¹ The word of the Lord came to me saying, "What do you see, Jeremiah?" And I said, "I see a rod of an almond tree." ¹² Then the Lord said to me, "You have seen well, for I am watching over My word to perform it."