

The **A.C.T.S.** of **P.U.S.H.**ing
through in Prayer II

“BINDING AND LOOSING”

The Authority and Power of the
church through Prayer

Matthew 16:18-19 (KJV)

"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. 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."

Kenneth S. Wuest Expanded Translation:

Matthew 16:18-19

"But as for you, who do you say that I am? And answering, Simon Peter said, As for you, you are the Christ, the Son of God, the living God. And answering, Jesus said to him, Spiritually prosperous are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you but my Father who is in heaven. Moreover, as for myself, I also am saying to you, You are Rock [petros, a detached but large fragment of rock], and upon this massive rock (chipped from Heaven itself) I will build my Church. And the councils of the unseen world shall not overpower it (No weapon formed against me shall prosper). I shall give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you **bind** on earth [forbid to be done], shall have been already bound [forbidden to be done] in heaven; and whatever you **loose** on earth [permit to be done], shall have already been loosed in heaven [permitted to be done]".

Matthew 18: 18-19

This is the same as in where it states;

"Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ***bind*** on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall ***loose*** on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven."

What does bind mean?

"Bind" = "Deo"

"a primary verb; to bind (in bind, to put under obligation, used of the law, duty; to be bound to one, a wife, a husband" - this speaks of **Marriage** and **Covenant**, of that which has been **Bound** together by the Lord.

The Key Principle

- Both of these references in Matthew originally refer to the **authority given to the disciples by Jesus so they could apply discipline in the Church.**
- The disciples had authority to "bind" believers to the Church and authority to exclude or "loose" from the Church those that did not believe.
- Being "bound" to the Church means to be **in covenant with God through Jesus** and with those who are Believers in Jesus Christ. The inference here is the same as the **binding together in covenant** of a husband and wife in marriage.
- **YOU MUST BE BOND TO CHRIST TO BE MARRIED BY THE CHURCH, BECAUSE OF THE AUTHORITY GIVEN TO THE CHURCH WHICH BRINGS INDIVIDUALS INTO COVENANT WITH CHRIST.**

What do you bind (declare legally binding)?

What you bind is what you are!

- We are either bound to the Church through Jesus Christ and Christlikeness, or we are bound to the world through the Adamic and fleshly nature.
- This binding together defines who we are as spiritual entities. Being bound together in this way gives us our spiritual identity. It shows whether we are allied with the Kingdom of Light or the kingdom of darkness.

Acts 19: 13-16

“Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.”

- Demonic powers recognize who we are in the spiritual realm. Paul was **bound to Christ** and this identified him clearly. However, the same could not be said of the seven sons of one Sceva. Their identity was not found in Christ because they were not bound to Him, and this cost them dearly.
- This means that if anyone is not bound to Christ, they have ***no authority over the flesh or the enemy***, and it does not matter how much we try to drive to drive out the enemy, if we ourselves are not bound to Christ we are wasting our time.

YOU CAN NOT USE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST LIKE AN INCANTATION

- The power of "binding and loosing" is therefore not in saying the words, but through the imparted authority we receive by being bound to Christ.
- This leads us to the place where we can surmise that as Christ was the Light of the world, we are also the light of the world and it is His Light in us that will drive out darkness (Matthew 5:14; John 8:12; John 1:5).

Our very presence as Christian Believers in any physical place or situation can put the enemy to flight because the Light within us is greater than the darkness in the world.