

Binding and Loosing

- Today we will be teaching on “Binding and Loosing”.
- We will be teaching from the bible.
- The bible is the inspired word of God - the real truth.
- This teaching is intended for those who are “Born Again” – that is, those who are “Spiritually alive” and therefore have understanding.

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- When we are Born Again – we are real Christians - as opposed to religious Christians (religious Christians are christian in name only – and NOT saved- that is NOT going to heaven).
- Born Again Christians have been given **all Dominion (that's authority)** when Jesus gave the Great Commission to His disciples and that Dominion passes to us- the disciples of today.
- In Matthew 28 it says:
- ¹⁸ Jesus approached and, breaking the silence, said to them, All authority (all power of rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.
- ¹⁹ Go then and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

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- - and also in Ephesians 1 it says:
- .¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people,
- ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power **for us who believe**.
- That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and **seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,**
- ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.
- ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church,
- ²³ which is his body (that's US), the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

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- That tells us of Christ's dominion and power and where He is seated at the right hand of God the Father.
- But just look where **we** are positioned.
- In Ephesians 2:6 it says:
- And God raised us up **with** Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.
- When we are Born Again, we are living Spirit beings, living in a physical body and with a soul.
- **We are seated in heavenly realms with dominion (authority) and power over the earth, delegated to us by the Lord Jesus Himself.**
- We are His representatives on the earth and we are called to do those good works which God has already prepared for us.

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- So what **can** we do here on earth.
- In Matthew 10 it says:
- (Amplified Bible)
- **1** And Jesus summoned to Him His twelve disciples and gave them **power and authority** over unclean spirits, *to drive them out*, and to cure **all** kinds of disease and all kinds of weakness and infirmity.
- **7** And as you go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand!
- **8** *Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons.* Freely (without pay) you have received, freely (without charge) give.

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- Then in verse 17 onwards it says:
- ¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name!
- ¹⁸ And He said to them, I saw Satan falling like a lightning flash from heaven.
- ¹⁹ Behold! *I have given you authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and physical and mental strength and ability over **all** the power that the enemy possesses; and **nothing** shall in any way harm you.*

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- So **we** have been given authority to set the captives free, **loosing** them from the adversary's oppression, bringing healing, deliverance and salvation.
- We are to forbid the works of the adversary, **binding** the strongman and driving out his demons.
- We do this by the laying on of hands and by a word of command – just as Jesus modelled it.
- We are representing Jesus. He has given us instruction, permission, power and authority to represent Him.

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- In 1 John 4:17 it says:
- **as He is, so are we in this world.**
- And we can have confidence that as we express love and compassion towards the broken, by ministering to them in the name of Jesus (loosing them and setting them free), the Holy Spirit works in us and through us to heal and set free.
- Mark 16:20 says:
- And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord was working with them and **confirming** the word by the signs that followed.

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- Now there seems to be some confusion over the terms **binding and loosing**.
- Some bible translations are non too clear.
- Firstly we will look at the King James bible and the New International Version.
- Both of these could translate the original Greek more clearly.

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- In the King James Version - Matthew 16:19 - it says:

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.

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- And also in the New International Version (NIV)
- In Matthew 16:19 it says:
- ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

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- Can you see that these scriptures seem to indicate that if we take action on the earth – some corresponding action will be taken in Heaven.
- Now let us look at these same scriptures in the Amplified bible.

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- In Matthew 16:19 in the Amplified it says:
- I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you **bind** (declare to be improper and unlawful) on earth must be what is **already** bound in heaven; and whatever you loose (declare lawful) on earth must be what is **already** loosed in heaven.

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- Kenneth S. Wuest, a renowned Greek language scholar, has made a translation of the New Testament which attempts to more accurately reflect what was originally meant.
- This is how he puts it.
- In Matthew 16:19 it says:
- I shall give 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].

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- The key word here is **already**.
- So what this is saying is - If something is NOT allowed in heaven we have dominion (that's authority) on the earth to stop it and not allow it.
- And also – if something **is** allowed in heaven – we may allow it on earth.

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- You see – when God created the earth and populated it with Adam and Eve he put them into a place which was perfect, beautiful, with all their needs met.
- It was without sickness. There was no evil.
- Everything good was provided.
- It was a paradise – just like heaven.

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- But something went wrong.
- Adam and Eve broke their relationship with God by their disobedience.
- Their authority to take care of the earth was defaulted to Satan.
- True to his nature Satan began to destroy what God had made.
- We see the evidence, the results of evil all around us to this day.
- Now, God has provided a way out.

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- Jesus was and is the answer.
- At the whipping post Jesus bore all our sicknesses and diseases and through the cross He paid for the consequences of our sin so that we do not have to suffer those consequences in this life.
- He has done His part and has now given to us the privilege to establish freedom for the oppressed.
- God has given to us responsibility for the earth and its people – **now – in the here and now.**

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- In Colossians 2:10 it says:
- And in Him **you** have been made complete [achieving **spiritual** stature through Christ], and He is the head over all rule and authority [of every angelic and earthly power].
- It's fantastic! He is in us and we are in Him!
- Can you see that it is US who do the binding and loosing and God almighty works through us – as we go!

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- Jesus is the head and we collectively are the body of Christ.
- Just as He has all rule and authority – so too we have all rule and authority as His appointed, set apart, representatives.
- What do we do then?
- We stop spectating - waiting for some big name tele evangelist to entertain us when doing the stuff.

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- We (that's little you and me) will set the captives free wherever we see evidence of what the adversary has done.
- Where do we do it?
- In the supermarket, in the street, at school – wherever there is a need.
- Just be sensitive to the needy – don't force yourself on them. Ask if they want to be set free.
- Let's go to it –let's do some binding and loosing and bring GLORY to our Lord and saviour – Christ Jesus!!

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