

The Keys of Revelation

Sunday, December 21st, 2025

MATTHEW 11:25-26

²⁵At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast **revealed** them unto babes. ²⁶Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight.

601 » **apokalupto** {ap-ok-al-ooop'-to}

-- reveal (26)

1) to uncover, lay open what has been veiled or covered up; disclose, make bare

2) to make known, make manifest, disclose what before was unknown

MATTHEW 16:13-19

¹³When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, **Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?** ¹⁴And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. ¹⁵He saith unto them, **But whom say ye that I am?** ¹⁶And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. ¹⁷And 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.** ¹⁸And 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.** ¹⁹And 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.

60-1210 - THE PHILADELPHIAN CHURCH AGE

192) ...He said, "Go baptize in the Name of Father, Son, Holy Ghost." So, it could be revealed because Jesus knowed that Peter had the gift of revelations, He knowed, because it had already been revealed to him by the Spirit above. And **when God sees that man can receive revelations from above, He can trust that man, do something with him;** when it's revealed to him, because He said, "No man can reveal this but His Father." God is the only One Who can reveal it, and He knowed Peter in... was in contact with the Spirit.

65-0801M - THE GOD OF THIS EVIL AGE

199) For, Peter was given the key to the Kingdom, saying, "Whatever you bind on earth, I'll bind it in Heaven." And **what does a key do? It unlocks something, the mystery.**

MATTHEW 28:18-20

¹⁸And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.** ¹⁹Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

54-0515 - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

239) Now, watch. Now the next, He says, "And thou art Simon, and I give unto thee," because he had the spiritual, revealed Truth. That's the reason he knowed the difference between Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. He had a spiritual revelation.

60-1126 - WHY

E-13) Now, there's three races of people on earth. If you believe the Bible, there's only three races: Ham, Shem, and Japheth's people--Jew, Gentile and Samaritan. Peter with the keys at Pentecost opened it to the Jews. Philip went down and preached and baptized them down in Samaria, but Peter came down and laid hands on them; they received the Holy Ghost, and the house of Cornelius. Then he had the keys that opened it to these three people.

62-1124B - INVESTMENTS

E-38) Simon Peter--we might speak of him a moment, because he was mentioned this morning. And he's the--one of the apostles, and the one that had the keys to the Kingdom, in other words the knowledge, how to unlock the doors to the Kingdom, and we spoke of that last night. The key locked the door and unlocked it, and we heard of that last night, the original foundation.

MARK 16:15-16

¹⁵And he said unto them, **Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.**

65-0801M - THE GOD OF THIS EVIL AGE

81) And notice Cain. He didn't want no blood sacrifice. He come down and offered the fruit, or the fields of beauty upon his altar. Very religious, done everything, that, just exactly like Abel done; offered a sacrifice, fell down before God in worship, obedient in every way, but without the revelation of the Word. And the Word was, from the beginning, God's plan. But God revealed, by revelation, the very thing that He vindicated and punctuated that that was right. Not religion, not an altar, not belonging to church, not making a sacrifice, not being sincere; but by the revelation of the Word of God.

64-0416 - AND WHEN THEIR EYES WERE OPENED THEY KNEW HIM

139) The Bible said that Peter was an ignorant and unlearned man. He couldn't even sign his own name. But it pleased God to give him the keys to the Kingdom, because he seen the Messiah and knowed His evidence, and fell at His feet and recognized Him as the Messiah. He believed the Word. "And thou art Peter. I say unto thee, thou art Peter, and upon this rock I'll build My Church." Not upon Peter, not upon Jesus, but upon his spiritual revelation of Who He was.

140) Same thing He did Abel. "Abel by faith offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than that of Cain." Both boys offered. Both boys prayed. Both boys built an altar. Both boy worshiped the same God. See? One was accepted, the other one turned down. Because, by revelation, Abel saw it wasn't fruits or apples that brought us out of the garden of Eden. It was blood. And he offered blood, and God received it.

63-0627 - JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY TODAY AND FOREVER

102) And a man that was so illiterate that he could not even sign his own name, we are told; the Bible said, in the Book of the Acts of the apostles, the 3rd chapter, that, "he was both ignorant and unlearned." But it pleased God to make him the head of the church at Jerusalem, and give him the keys to the Kingdom. Cause, when that predestinated seed laying there in that old fisherman, and when the Light struck it, quickly it recognized that that was the Messiah.

ACTS 4:10-13

¹⁰Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. ¹¹This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. ¹²Neither is

there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. ¹³Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that **they were unlearned and ignorant men**, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

61-1210 - PARADOX

182) And the smartest men He had was emperors and kings, and potentates and monarchs, high priests and church men. He could've took any of those. But it was a paradox when He called a man who couldn't even sign his own name, and said, "I give you the keys to the Kingdom. Whatever you bind on earth, I'll bind it in heaven. What you loose on earth, I'll loose it in heaven."

Say, I just thought of that about that vision, "What you loose or bind."

"What you bind on earth, I'll bind in heaven. What you loose on earth, I'll loose in heaven." Yes, He give that not to a learned high priest, Caiaphas, but to a ignorant fisherman.

65-0418M - IT IS THE RISING OF THE SUN

163) As in the Marriage And Divorce case, the other day. When the Holy Spirit had told me that, I come said it just the way He told me. Some minister lady give me a right sharp, little bawling out. She said, "I guess you take the place of God?"

I said, "No, ma'am."

165) Said, "Well, you told them their sin is forgiven." Said, "Where?" Said, "Only God has power." See, another Pharisee. See?...?...

166) I said, "You see, that you might know, that, Jesus told Peter and the apostles, after he had the revelation of Who He was."

He told Him, "Thou art Christ, the Son of God."

167) He said, "Blessed art thou," see, "son of Jonas; flesh and blood never revealed This to you, but My Father which is in Heaven has revealed It. Upon this rock I'll build My Church; the gates of hell can't prevail against It. And I give unto thee the keys; whatever you bind on earth, I'll bind it in Heaven; what you loose on earth..."

168) That's that Divine revelation of the Word made flesh. If It was flesh in that day by the Son, the Groom, It's the flesh today by the Bride. See? "Whosoever sins you remit, to them they are remitted; whosoever sins you retain, to them they are retained."

169) Now, the Catholic church picked that up and takes it to their priests, but that's carnal. Watch, it was the spiritual, revealed Word that did it! That's the reason He told them to go baptize in "Name" of Father, Son, Holy Ghost. **He knowed they knew Who He was.**

JOHN 6:68-69

⁶⁸Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

LUKE 17:26-30

²⁶And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. ²⁷They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. ²⁸Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; ²⁹But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. ³⁰Even thus shall it be in **the day when the Son of man is revealed.**

I CORINTHIANS 2:6-14

⁶Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: ⁷But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: ⁸Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. ¹⁰But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. ¹¹For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. ¹³Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. ¹⁴But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

SMYRNAEAN CHURCH AGE - CHURCH AGE BOOK

139-1) Revelation 2:11, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

There is not one church age where this verse is not mentioned. Every single age has the same admonition to the people of every age. "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith." But it is absolutely impossible for all men to hear what the Spirit says to the different ages.

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Putting these verses together we see that there is only one group of people, and that a very special group of people who are able to hear what the Spirit says in each age. It is one special group that receives the revelation for each age. That group is of God, because the group that cannot hear is not of God. (John 8:42-44.) The group that can and does hear what the Spirit is saying and receives the revelation thereof is that group described in I Corinthians 2:6-16. They are the ones who have the Spirit of God. They are the ones that are born of God. They are baptized into the body of the Lord Jesus Christ by His Spirit. They are baptized with the Holy Ghost.

SMYRNAEAN CHURCH AGE - CHURCH AGE BOOK

140-1) To further bring out what we have just said, and to also use a Scripture that should be borne in mind as we talk about who it is that is baptized with the Holy Ghost, see what Jesus says in John 6:45,

"It is written in the prophets, And they shall All be taught of God."

But turn to Isaiah 54:13 whence this is taken and it reads,

"And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord."

The ALL of God are the CHILDREN of God. Thus it is that the evidence of being a true child of God, (he whom the Spirit has come upon and in-dwells) is again set forth as one taught the Word by the Holy Ghost.

65-1206 MODERN EVENTS ARE MADE CLEAR BY PROPHECY

29) The Bible is to be revealed by inspiration. That's the only thing, the revelation. Jesus told Peter, "Upon this rock." This rock of revelation reveals Who He is. "Blessed art thou Simon, son of Jonas, flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father which is in Heaven has revealed this to you; upon this rock I'll build My Church." Not upon Peter, not upon Himself, **but upon the spiritual revelation of Who He was.**

30) And He is the Word! Saint John 1, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." Hebrews 13:8, "He's the same yesterday, today, and forever."

65-1205 - THINGS THAT ARE TO BE

36) You see, the whole program, the whole Church, is built upon Divine revelation. Jesus said, in Saint Matthew, the 16th chapter, "Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father which is in Heaven has revealed this to you." What was it? A revelation of Who He was. "And upon this Rock, I'll build My Church, and the gates of hell can't prevail against It." See?

The revelation of Jesus Christ in this hour; not what He was in another hour! What He was now, the Bible expresses. It's growing in the Bride, to the full stature.

LUKE 7:44-50

⁴⁴And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, **Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head.** ⁴⁵Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little. ⁴⁸And he said unto her, **Thy sins are forgiven.** ⁴⁹And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also? ⁵⁰And he said to the woman, **Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.**

62-0318 - THE SPOKEN WORD IS THE ORIGINAL SEED

349) And the Holy Spirit bears record of the predestinated gift that the Church claims She has. What? By watering the Word, punctuating in the Word, with an "amen." When It said, "Repent and be baptized, Name of Jesus Christ." "Amen." When It says these other things. "Amen." That's it. "Amen," to everything, see, It punctuates the Word. And God by... predestinated the gift to come, to remit sins, but it was given to the Spirit-filled Word-Body. Cause, the Word can, only, forgive sins, because the Word is God.

350) How true the Pharisees was! I mentioned, this morning, we'd get to this. And I've took up my time. But the Pharisees said, "This Man forgives sins. We know He's a blasphemer. Only God can forgive sins. And this Man is forgiving sins." Not knowing that That was the Word. The Word forgives sins, 'cause It's God.

63-0728 - CHRIST IS THE MYSTERY OF GOD REVEALED

233) Look, Christ in you makes Him the center of Life of the revelation. See? Christ's Life in you makes Him the center of the revelation. Christ, in the Bible, makes the Bible the complete revelation of Christ. Christ in you makes you the complete revelation of the whole thing, see, what God is trying to do.

234) What is the new Birth then? You'd say, "Well, Brother Branham, what is the new Birth?" It is the revelation of Jesus Christ personally to you. Amen! See? Not you joined a church, you shook a hand, you done something different, you said a creed, you promised to live by a code of rules. But Christ, the Bible, He is the Word that was revealed to you. And no matter what anybody says, what takes place, it's Christ; pastor, priest, whatever it might be. It's Christ in you, that is the revelation that the Church was built upon.

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST - CHURCH AGE BOOK

34-1) Oh, how we need revelation by the Spirit. We don't need a new Bible, we don't need a new translation, though some are very good, and I am not against them, **BUT WE NEED THE REVELATION OF THE SPIRIT.** And thank God, we can have what we need, for God wants to reveal His Word to us by His Spirit.

34-2) May God begin by His Spirit to give us continuous life-giving and prevailing revelation. Oh, if the church could only get a fresh revelation and become by it the living Word manifested, we would do the greater works and glorify God our Father in heaven.

65-1125 - THE INVISIBLE UNION OF THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

272) Your first wedding was annulled. It was. You never done it, in the first place. Because, there's only one thing could do it, that would be God come down, Himself, and took your place in a form of the Son of God, Jesus Christ, and washed you by the Water, of the washing of the Water by the Word. The Word; not the denomination! The Word washed you. But if you won't stand in the Water of the Word, how you going to be washed? You're still as spotted as Eve was.

EPHESIANS 5:25-27

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; ²⁶That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

65-1125 - THE INVISIBLE UNION OF THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

273) What is sin? Sin is "unbelief." Unbelief in (what?) the Word; unbelief in God, which is the Word.

274) Pure, unadulterated; oh, hallelujah; leaving soon for the skies; amen; standing ready. Think. Your garments, washed by the Water of the bleeding Word! The Word become Blood. The Word bled for you, and you are washed in bleeding Word. The Word, bleeding! The Life of God in the Word, and the Word was bled for you, that you might be washed from the filth of these prostitutes, and be cleaned and sanctified by the washing of the Water of the Word, and makes your mind and heart stayed on God and on His Word.

DANIEL 12:9-10

⁹And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. ¹⁰Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

63-0728 - CHRIST IS THE MYSTERY OF GOD REVEALED

434) The Church is the Blood of Christ, by the Spirit, because the Life is in the Blood. That's the baptism of the Holy Ghost that baptizes us into His Body, that recognizes only His Body, His flesh, His Word. [Brother Branham pats his Bible--Ed.]