
The Key of Revelation (Mysteries of the Kingdom)

Keys To The Kingdom

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Sermon: Keys To The Kingdom: The Key of Revelation (Mysteries of the Kingdom)

Lesson Text

Matthew 16:13–17 (KJV)¹³ When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, **Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?** ¹⁴ And they said, Some say *that thou art* John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. ¹⁵ He saith unto them, **But whom say ye that I am?** 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.**

Matthew 13:10–13 (KJV)¹⁰ And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? ¹¹ He answered and said unto them, **Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.** ¹² For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. ¹³ Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

Introduction

Last week, we established that the kingdom of heaven is a spiritual military base in a foreign hostile land from which one advances: Matthew 11: ¹² **And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.**

As believers, we have been given access to its weapons, armor, power, and authority: Matthew 16: ¹⁹ **And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven:**

And one of those keys is the key of protection: Matthew 16: 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.**

Let's now go to the next key of the kingdom of heaven!

How many of you have ever struggled with purpose, meaning, calling, or destiny? Why am I here? Why am I going through this?

Or have people around you ever wondered why you believe what you believe? How can you put up with that? Why would you go through that?

The answer to these questions is revelation or lack thereof.

In our lesson text, Jesus intentionally asks his disciples two questions.

- **Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?**
- **But whom say ye that I am?**

The two different answers give us the basis of this message. The first answer is speculation. The second is revelation. When you are not part of the kingdom of heaven, life becomes speculation, it's a mystery.

Matthew 13:¹¹ He answered and said unto them, **Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.**

They have eyes but they can't see, ears but they can't hear, a mind but they can't understand. But unto you I have given you revelation to the mysteries, the secrets to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Amos 3:⁷ Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

Series and Sermon: Keys To The Kingdom: The Key of Revelation (Mysteries of the Kingdom)

(Seeing The Mysteries, Hearing The Mysteries, Understanding The Mysteries)

I. Seeing The Mysteries (Overcoming Willful Blindness)

Matthew 13: ¹³ **Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.**

The first thing the key of revelation does is it allows us to see the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. This is about the knowledge of God.

God wants to reveal himself to us, but when we fail to use our key, the problem is not about ignorance, it's about willful blindness.

Romans 1: ²¹ Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

1 Corinthians 1: ²¹ For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

Jesus says, they have eyes, but they can't see. They can't see because they don't want to see; they literally reject the truth.

Hosea 4: ⁶ My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

To See the Mysteries of Kingdom, we must overcome willful blindness through faith.

2 Corinthians 5: ⁷ (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

Hebrews 11: ⁶ But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

1 Corinthians 1: ²⁶ For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*: ²⁷ But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

Psalms 119: ¹⁰⁵ Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

“I see God working it out for me!”

II. Hearing The Mysteries (Overcoming Judicial Blindness)

Matthew 13: ¹³ **Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.**

The next thing the key of revelation does is it allows us to hear the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. This is about the wisdom of God.

Some people know God’s truth, but they don’t have His divine wisdom to apply it. They are judicially blind. They know the word, but they fail to apply the word.

All of us know someone who knows the word, but they fail to apply the word. They go to church, but church is not in them. They feel the Spirit, but they don’t obey the spirit.

James 1: ²² But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. ²³ For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: ²⁴ For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

Jesus says, they have ears, but they can’t hear. They can’t hear because they don’t work on what they see.

James 2: ²⁰ But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

To Hear the Mysteries of The Kingdom, we must overcome judicial blindness through works.

Romans 10: ¹⁷ So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Psalms 119: ¹¹ Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

John 9: ⁴ **I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.**

Revelation 22: ¹² **And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward *is* with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.**

“I hear God on his way to reward me!”

III. Understanding The Mysteries (Overcoming Revelation Blindness)

Matthew 13: ¹³ **Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.**

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- We see the mysteries by overcoming willful blindness through faith.
- We hear the mysteries by overcoming judicial blindness through works.
- We understand the mysteries by overcoming revelation blindness though much is given.

This is about Divine Revelation.

Matthew 13: ¹⁰ And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? ¹¹ He answered and said unto them, **Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.**

The world can't understand our calling because it hasn't been given to them.

Luke 12: ⁴⁸ ... **For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required:**

Matthew 16: 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.**

They don't understand our calling, because it wasn't given to them: Matthew 22: ¹⁴ **For many are called, but few *are* chosen.**

They don't understand our suffering, because it wasn't given to them: Romans 8: ¹⁸ For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

They don't understand our praise, because it wasn't given to them: Psalm 34: ¹ I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth.

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Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: The Key of Revelation (Mysteries of the Kingdom))

Lesson Text

- Matthew 16:13–17, Matthew 13:10–13

Sermon Outline

- I. *Seeing The Mysteries (Overcoming Willful Blindness)*
- II. *Hearing The Mysteries (Overcoming Judicial Blindness)*
- III. *Understanding The Mysteries (Overcoming Revelation Blindness)*

Questions: (What was your main takeaway from this message?)

I. Getting to Know “Me”

1. What type of movie do you like best and why? a) romantic comedy b) suspense c) action d) historical drama e) other
2. What sneakers brands do you wear? (E.g., Nike, Skechers, Adidas, etc.)

II. Into The Bible

1. Jesus taught in John 3:3 that one must be born again to see the kingdom of God. Where is the kingdom of God located? Provide scripture references.
2. Why is the Holy Spirit’s role significant to the believer in revealing God according to 1 Corinthians 2:9-10?

III. Life Application

1. **Judicial Blindness (Matt. 13:13):** In light of Jesus’ words—“seeing they see not; hearing they hear not”—how would you define judicial blindness (a hardened refusal of truth that God permits to stand)? Where do you see signs of it in your own walk, and what specific step will you take this week to overcome it (repent, act on a known command, ask the Spirit for understanding, seek accountability)?
2. **Revelation Blindness (Lack of Understanding → Action):** Where might you be “revelation blind”—hearing Scripture but not grasping or practicing it? What two concrete actions will you take to understand better (e.g., pray-then-read, slow meditation, ask questions, study with a mentor, apply one verse immediately) and how will you measure your follow-through this week?