

Victorious: Cancel Culture Kingdom Style

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[Mat 16:13-20 NASB95] 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." 20 Then He warned the disciples that they should tell no one that He was the Christ.

- Dr. Paul King says, "The concept of binding and loosing spiritual powers is considered by writers such as John MacArthur and Hank Hanegraaff as false doctrine promulgated by the charismatic and faith movements."
- Link to his article: <http://paulkingministries.com/the-restoration-of-the-doctrine-of-binding-and-loosing/>
- "We have demonstrated that belief in the believer's authority of binding and loosing is a valid and vital doctrine, and certainly not limited to charismatic and modern faith teaching. Rather, it was birthed out of New Testament church doctrine, promulgated by early Church fathers, lost as a result of Middle Age Church formalism and Reformation reaction. It was recovered through the rediscovery of the believer's authority during the holiness revival of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries by non-charismatic evangelicals. Restoration of this biblical truth is a part of what God is reviving in the Church today to enable the Church to overcome spiritual forces of wickedness in these last days. Binding and loosing are indispensable weapons of spiritual warfare for every believer."

How does this apply to the church today?

The church needs to prepare and practice binding and loosening today.

I. The preparation of the church in binding and loosening.

- a. Renew your mind to Who Jesus is in your life.
 - i. Value, authority, revelation.
 - ii. Priority by pursuit (time, effort), precepts (God's Word, Prayer (time in with Him.))
- b. Living by the Father's revelation and not the flesh's response.
- c. Know who you are in Christ. Your identity is in Christ. You are who He says you are.
- d. Respect Jesus' Church. We are the Church.
- e. Attack (as opposed to accept) the gates of Death (Hades).
- f. Use the keys of authority of the Kingdom of Heaven.
- g. Practice binding and loosening.
 - i. Announce and renounce.

II. The practice of the church in binding and loosening.

- a. Henry Ward Beecher (1813-1887), preaching on Matthew 16:19. He calls it "the opening and shutting power of the Christian life," asserting: "Every praying man and every praying woman . . . has this power of the keys. . . . And every man that has that spirit has God's keys in his hands, and has authority to bind and loose – to bind lies and all iniquity, and to set loose all those that suffer oppression by reason of spiritual despotism."

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- b. [Luk 13:12-13, 16 NASB95] 12 When Jesus saw her, He called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your sickness." 13 And He laid His hands on her; and immediately she was made erect again and [began] glorifying God. ... 16 "And this woman, a daughter of Abraham as she is, whom Satan has bound for eighteen long years, should she not have been released from this bond on the Sabbath day?"
 - i. Same language (bind, loose in the Greek).
 - ii. Spoke faith. Laid His hands.
 - iii. Speak faith. Lay on of hands.
 - c. "We stand against evil thoughts and suspicions and distortions of every sort. We bind the spirit of anger and jealousy and gossip and release the spirit of love and faith. How do we do it? We do it by demon expulsion. Wherever we find evil forces at work, we firmly demand that they leave." Richard Foster (Paul King article.)
 - d. "It may be necessary under intense, direct assault to be anointed with oil and to have a group of spiritual men and women pray and lay on hands for deliverance." *Hope When You Are Hurting*, (128) Crabb & Allender.
- "Binding and loosing are indispensable weapons of spiritual warfare for every believer." Dr. Paul King
 - Example (using Luke 13:16): According to Isaiah 53:4-5, in Jesus Christ's Name I loose _____ from sickness and I bind them to healing and to freedom.
 - Don't get caught up in the semantics, understand we are freed from death, satan, sin and connected to (bound to) the Kingdom of God... His dominion and will.
 - Include "binding and loosing" in your prayer time. Even as you go throughout your day, loose yourself and others from sin, sickness, and satan in the name of Jesus Christ. Also bind yourself and others to righteousness, healing, and angels upon the earth.
 - Allow yourself to be prayed for, be anointed with oil, and have hands laid upon you.