

Not Ignorant – Deal with Satan First

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[2Co 2:11 NASB95] 11 so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes.

[Mat 12:28-29 NASB95] 28 "But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. 29 "Or how can anyone enter the strong man's house and carry off his property, unless he first binds the strong [man?] And then he will plunder his house.

[Mat 16:18-19 NASB95] 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."

- Satan can and does take advantage of Christians through ignorance.
- We are called to deal with Satan first by binding him.
- We have been given authority (keys) as the church battles Hades.
- 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." <http://paulkingministries.com/the-restoration-of-the-doctrine-of-binding-and-loosing/>

How do we deal with Satan first?

Here are three important truths about dealing with Satan first.

I. Satan is dealt with by the power of the Holy Spirit.

- a. Jesus did not just do this as an allegory, but it is a reality.
- b. Far too many ill-informed theologians and pastors argue against the reality of dealing with the devil.
- c. Notice first that the power of the Holy Spirit did the deliverance. Matthew 12:28
- d. He operated by depending upon the HS. [Act 10:38 NASB95] 38 "[You know of] Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and [how] He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.
- e. Not having a relationship with Jesus and receiving the Holy Spirit will not result in winning against Satan.

II. Satan must be dealt with first.

- a. Notice, Jesus said first.
- b. 2 Corinthians 2:11 – If you know Satan is scheming, it is foolish not to do something about it. That is to deal with him first.
- c. For instance, Satan attacks things at the beginning (Moses birth, Jesus birth, see also Rev. 12:4-5).
 - i. So, we are not going start advancing without dealing with him first.
 - ii. [Rev 12:4-5 NASB95] 4 And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child. 5 And she gave birth to a son, a male [child,] who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.
- d. Learn to bind Satan first.

III. Jesus has given us authority (keys) over Satan.

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- a. In Matthew 16, Peter receives a revelation of Jesus as Christ. It is that revelation that sets the stage for Jesus' discussion of authority over Hades.
 - b. 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."
 - c. "Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you." Luke 10:19 NASB
 - d. Understand that you have authority over the works of the devil.
- **"Binding and loosing are indispensable weapons of spiritual warfare for every believer."**
Dr. Paul King
 - **Include "binding and loosing" in your prayer time. Even as you go throughout your day, bind sin, sickness, and Satan in the name of Jesus Christ.**