



## Faith - The Key to Accessing the Open-Door Pt. 3

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**John 1:44-51** Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. **45** Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote — Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." **46** And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" "Philip said to him, "Come and see." **47** Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" **48** Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." **49** Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" **50** Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." **51** And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

### 2024 is the Year of the Open Door

Jesus is the ultimate door, that we all must first enter, to access many of the other doors God has for us.

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Jesus is telling Nathaniel that he would see Heaven open, angels going from one realm of reality to another realm of reality.

*Jesus was telling Nathaniel, as he followed Him Nathaniel would experience the supernatural.*

Jesus was also giving Nathaniel some insight into how this would happen. **hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."**

The word angel is identified as "A messenger or ministering spirit, one who is sent to announce, teach, perform, or explore anything at a given command."

### ANGELS ASSIGNMENT

**Hebrews 1:14 (ERV)** All the angels are spirits who serve God and are sent to help those who will receive salvation.

*If we are saved, we have angels ready to serve us right now.*

Angels, other heavenly beings, and resources can move from one realm of reality to another at the command of our voice, as our request and confessions lines up with the Word of God.



*We simply make the request or speak the confession in Jesus's Name. and what is needed will be put into action.*

**Matthew 18:18-20 "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.**

*Notice the word "you" in this verse!*

*We have the authority!*

**Luke 10:19 Behold, I give you the authority (Exousia) to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power (dunamis) of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.**

*We have the authority to cancel out any of the power of the enemy even though he is still the prince of this world. The reason why we have the authority to cast out or to overcome his power is because he is a Prince and we have been made Kings.*

*The devil is over the world which is a subset of the Kingdom from which we are from, and that's the Kingdom of God. Example Roanoke and Virginia.*

This is the authority we have in Christ Jesus. To take control over any situation by faith, speak the Word of God over it, and watch it come to pass.

Words that are spoken by faith in line with the word of God put heavens resources in motion, and it puts the enemy on the run.

In Jesus's ministry this is what He did. He used words to get results and at times with corresponding actions.

*Driving out demonic spirits- Mark 1:25 (NIV) "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. We see here Jesus telling the spirit what to do and to leave the place where he was dwelling.*

*Healing the Sick-Luke 4:38-39, (NIV) ... Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them. We see here Jesus speaking to the results of the curse (the fever).*

*Raising the dead- John 11:38-44, (NIV) So, they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go." We see here Jesus raising the dead by telling the dead man to do something that he needed life to do.*

*Battling the enemy personally-Matthew 4:3-11 (NLT) 3...If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"*



**...7 Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the LORD your God.'"**

**... 10 "Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say, 'You must worship the LORD your God and serve only him.'" 11 Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.**

*So, we see when Jesus was personally attacked, He spoke the word only.*

***The disciples working miracles- Acts 3:4-8 (NIV) And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." 5 So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. 6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." 7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. 8 So he, leaping up, stood, and walked and entered the temple with them — walking, leaping, and praising God.***

*We can get heavenly beings and resources assigned to us to move, and or manifest on our behalf and the behalf of others by speaking the Word of God by Faith.*

***Godly Angels win victory over the devil using the Word of the Lord - Jude 1:9 But Michael the Archangel, when contending with the Devil and arguing with him about the body of Moses, did not dare to pronounce judgement on him in abusive terms, but simply said, "The Lord rebuke you."***

*If our words can create our victory, could it be words can also create our defeat.*

**Genesis 3:2-6 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" 4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.**

Adam and Eve's reality changes when they agreed with what satan have said and responded by putting forth corresponding actions.

With this encounter Adam and Eve lost their godly authority, position, territory and what they had possession of.

*Notice satan took possession of the world by using words.*