



Faith - The Key to Accessing the Open-Door Pt. 4

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John 1:50 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."

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. **19** "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. **20** For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

2024 is the Year of the open Door:

Matthew 24:24-25 For false christ's and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. **25** See, I have told you beforehand.

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

Jesus was also giving Nathaniel some insight into how the supernatural would take place.

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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.

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

Angels are here serving us at the command, plan, and purpose of God.

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 line up with the Word of God.

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This lets us know that Heaven is the source of whatever we need or for the action we need to take place here on the earth.

Notice the word “you” in this verse!

The request or command starts with us on earth.

Jesus is putting the responsibility on us chosen ones to make it happen.

What is done by us on the earth activates the spiritual resources in heaven for the manifestation to take place where it is needed.

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 because we have been made kings from a higher kingdom.

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 granted the position and authority as kings in the kingdom of God.

This is the authority we have in Christ Jesus. **Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.**

Jesus is the head of the body of Christ. If the head has authority, then the body has the right to walk in that authority.

Under this authority, we can 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

Healing the Sick with the word only- Matthew 8:5-13 Jesus spoke the word, and the soldier’s servant was healed,

Healing the blind man with words and corresponding actions.

Raising the dead- John 11:38-44 Jesus spoke words for Lazarus to come out of the grave.

Battling the enemy personally- Matthew 4:3-11 When Jesus was tempted by the devil Jesus spoke the word to the devil, defeated him and put him on the run.



The disciples working miracles- Acts 3:4-8 Peter used his authority to command the lame man to walk, then use corresponding actions that agreed with his command.

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

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

Notice satan took possession of the world by using words.

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

Spiritual warfare is a war of words and thoughts, that forms opinions and ideologies that create our reality.

Proverbs 23:7 For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.

The enemy is defeated when they lose position, territory, and what they have in their possession or influence over.

We must understand Jesus is talking to those who are willing to follow, learn from, and obey Him. They have the power to bind, loose and manifest other creative things by using Words.

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