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## The Key of David who Opens and No One Shuts.

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- **Revelation 3:7-8:** And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: ‘The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.’<sup>8</sup> ‘I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

The sovereign power to open or shut the door to God’s heavenly palace lies solely in the hands of Christ. Only he has the power to decide who is, and who is not to be admitted as only he has the keys of death and eternal life (Re 1:18). He opens the door of heaven by his blood and his righteousness, and gives his people liberty and boldness to enter by faith into the holiest of all. The power of the keys was given to Peter and the apostles when Christ called them, and to all who share the Gospel, but whatever levels of power Christ gives to his servants, he remains the supreme power, as he is the door to God’s heavenly Kingdom, no one can enter except through him. The Gospel is not the door, but it does lead the way to the door and through the Gospel the Lord brings many to the door.

Jesus has all authority and power over his church on earth, so that no one can deny any one from entering it who he counts worthy and likewise, no one can allow anyone into it who he deems unworthy. When he opens the door for the progress of his work, no one can shut it, and on the day of judgment when he returns in glory and raises the faithful and shuts the door no one will be able to open it.

Christ has free and unrestrained access to the heavenly palace and the power to admit anyone, or exclude anyone. This means that in his Kingdom he has the absolute control in, regard to admission or exclusion of anyone. He can invite who he chooses and can exclude those who he judges should not be admitted. He will shut the door against the foolish, who sleep away their day of grace and against workers of wickedness, but will open it to the wise and the faithful.

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In the book of Isaiah, the LORD said He would call his servant Eliakim and clothe him with David’s robe and commit David’s authority into his hand and that he would be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. The LORD then says:

- I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.<sup>23</sup> And I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honor to his father's house.<sup>24</sup> And they will hang on him the whole honor of his father's house. (Isaiah 22:20-24).

In the same way that the LORD gave the key of David to Eliakim, He gave it to His Son the Lord Jesus Christ who in turn gave it to Peter and the apostles and to all the faithful who share the Gospel. Peter being called of God opened the Gospel door to the Gentiles (Acts 10:1-48); (Acts 11:17-18) especially (Acts 14:27-28). All who have this Gospel key are, able to open the door to God’s Kingdom. It should be mentioned, though the Gospel is the key to the Kingdom, if distorted in any way it is robbed of its power to open the door. In Galatians, we read of Paul rebuking Peter, because he was wrongly using the key the Lord had given him (Gal. 2:11-18). Even today there are ministers who distort the Gospel, by turning it into a message of prosperity, success, good health, and a charmed life or rob it of the grace it teaches and turn it into a Gospel of salvation by works.

Though such teaches may have brilliant oratory skills and proclaim messages that sound good to the ears and have large followings, but it is not the golden key of the Gospel that opens the door to God's Kingdom that they have in their hands, but a useless and rusted key that cannot even unlock the lock on the door, let alone open it. (Also, see verse eight).

**No one is, able to shut:** (v8) how true are these words, the Gospel started with one man the Lord Jesus Christ and his twelve apostles, the prideful and hypocritical Jews and the powerful Romans did all in their power to destroy the Christian faith and throughout its following history it has continually faced opposition and persecution, yet today it is in almost every country worldwide. Truly no man has been able to shut the door on the Gospel going out into the world and neither will any man ever be able to stop it going out into the nations.

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