

**21 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING**  
*with Second Baptist Church of Doylestown*  
**DAY 14 - SEPTEMBER 15, 2018**

**The Keys of the Kingdom**

**Matthew 16:13-20**

**Reflection:** The biblical passage that makes reference to the “keys of the kingdom” is Matthew 16:19. Jesus had asked His disciples who people thought He was. After hearing several of the more popular opinions, Jesus aimed His question directly at His disciples. Peter, responding for the twelve, acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the Living God. After this great confession, Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven” (Matthew 16:17–19).

Keys are used to lock or unlock doors. We can say that the specific doors Jesus has in mind in this passage are the doors to the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus is laying the foundation of His church (Ephesians 2:20). The disciples will be the leaders of this new institution, and Jesus is giving them the authority, as it were, to open the doors to heaven and invite the world to enter. It is also important to note that the “keys” is plural suggesting several not just one. The word “keys” implies access to the blessings, riches, authority of the kingdom of God. It is not just enough to enter the kingdom through the key of salvation; there are keys to other benefits of the kingdom. That is why Jesus says; “...I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.” (John 10:10).

**PRAYER FOCUS:**

- 1. Thank God for the access that we have into the kingdom and into the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ by faith. Romans 5:2**
- 2. Thank God for all the benefits the kingdom offers us as believers; a life of peace, joy, freedom and prosperity, and eternal life with Jesus.**
- 3. Pray that God will open your eyes to the keys of the kingdom that will give you access into the riches in glory that is in Christ Jesus.**
- 4. Pray that God will open your eyes to the keys of the kingdom given you to shut every evil door of the enemy into your life.**
- 5. Pray that God will “give you the treasures of darkness And hidden riches of secret places, That you may know that I’m, the Lord, Who calls you by your name” Isaiah 45:3**
- 6. Pray that God will give you the key of prosperity, favor, and dominion in the kingdom of God.**
- 7. Ask God to give you wisdom, and boldness to make use of the keys of the kingdom as they are revealed to you by the Holy Spirit.**