



KINGDOM EMBASSY MINISTRIES

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SCRIPTURES

- Matthew 18-19
- John 8:1-12; 20:23
- Matthew 13:32; 16:19

Title:

LEGAL MATTERS

- The Fingerprint to God
- Legal Precedent
- The Keys to the Kingdom

It's a double entendre. Don't you just love how that flows off your tongue? A double entendre is when something has a twofold or double meaning. That's the simple explanation. Here it is used to describe when a single phrase is intended to amalgamate two ideas that seem to compete for precedence, into one unified concept. And as you contemplate what that means to you, and what is meant by "compete," avoid the temptation to believe that those thoughts must "oppose" one another, and rather consider that they are two lofty ideas connected to one another, yet difficult to think about simultaneously.

Double entendres birth two independent thoughts in one moment, thoughts that require intense focus and concentration, demanding the expenditure of abundant mental energy. You must discipline your mind to instantly switch between two ideas again and again, until they blend. Maybe it's the sentence structure that changes the potential meaning, depending on how you read it, necessitating a double-take like:

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness to prepare the way of the Lord..." or, "I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God..." or, "I say to you today you will be with Me in Paradise..." or, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God..." or, "If you've seen Me you've seen the Father because I and My father are one, and you are one just as We are One."

Think hard! Is the voice shouting in the wilderness or is the preparation in the wilderness? Is He drinking the wine and then waiting to drink again, or is He not drinking until? Is He telling the man today about paradise or will the man be with Him in paradise today? And, are they calling Him good because only God is good and He is God, or is it that only God is good so they should not call Him good? It must be because He is one with God which makes Him both the same as the Father, but also separate and equally yoked, and so are you! So much to think about—so many double meanings that it makes your brain hurt!

Or imagine a double entendre as a phrase that might be both a noun and a description, character trait, or directive of that noun at the same moment. Consider a noun phrase like "The Narrow Road." Yes the road itself is narrow, plus the path traveled is less frequented because those on it are a rarer breed who must choose to do the less popular thing, because the more popular thing is the wrong thing which is more attractive.

And then there is the double entendre that inspired this message..."Legal Matters." Any matter of law is a legal matter and all matters of law really matter. As you will soon discover, Y'shua utilized the law to navigate the rough terrain of first century legalism and to reveal just how to apply His Father's commands in everyday life circumstances. In other words, He took the law out of the Book and used it to rule on specific legal matters, thereby turning law into case

law. And He did that in two ways: the first was during actual events, like the woman accused of adultery. The second was by displaying in a fictional story how He would rule; we call those parables. Yes, parables are meant to establish case law. In both ways He operated as the chief justice of the Supreme Court of Heaven, thus setting precedent for all who would follow. Will you follow?

PROPHETIC SEED:

“Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from the one before the priests, the Levites. **And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life,** that he may learn to fear the Lord his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes, that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren, **that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left,** and that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children in the midst of Israel.”

Deuteronomy 17:18-20 NKJV

“One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; **by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established.**” Deut. 19:15 NKJV

“And I will give you the **keys of the kingdom of heaven,** and **whatever you** bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Mat. 16:19 NKJV

PROPHETIC FRUIT:

“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. “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. For **where two or three are gathered together** in My name, I am there in the midst of them.” Matthew 18:18-20 NKJV

THE FINGERPRINT TO GOD

1. Natural Laws

- (1) “**Every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom** of heaven is like a householder who **brings out of his treasure things new and old.**” Matthew 13:52
- (2) “Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that **if we ask anything according to His will,** He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, **we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.**” I John 5:14-15 NKJV

A. A Real Bible Case

- (1) Y’shua as a Kingdom Scribe (Attorney) and Judge
 - (a) The woman accused of adultery
 1. “But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them. **Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery.** And when they had set her in the midst, they said to Him, “**Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses, in**

the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?" This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him. **But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger,** as though He did not hear. So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, **"He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first."** And **again He stooped down and wrote on the ground.** Then those who heard it, **being convicted by their conscience,** went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And **Jesus was left alone, and the woman** standing in the midst. When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, **"Woman, where are those accusers of yours?"** Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, **"Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."** Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. **He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.**" John 8:1-12 NKJV

2. "As far as the east is from the west, **So far has He removed our transgressions from us.**" Psalms 103:12 NKJV
3. "For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and **has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.**" II Peter 1:9 NKJV

B. The laws in action with woman accused of adultery

(a) Witnesses Needed!

1. "One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; **by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established.**" Deut. 19:15 NKJV
2. "You **shall not bear false witness** against your neighbor." Exodus 20:16 NKJV

(b) Consequences False Witnesses

1. **"If a false witness rises against any man to testify against him of wrongdoing,** then both men in the controversy shall stand before the Lord, before the priests and the judges who serve in those days. And the judges shall make careful inquiry, and indeed, **if the witness is a false witness, who has testified falsely against his brother, then you shall do to him as he thought to have done to his brother;** so you shall put away the evil from among you. And those who remain shall hear and fear, and hereafter they shall not again commit such evil among you. Your eye shall not pity: life shall be for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot." Deuteronomy 19:16-21 NKJV
2. A false witness is one of the seven detestable things in Proverbs 6:19.
3. "A false witness **will not go unpunished,** And he who speaks lies will not escape. [9] A false **witness will not go unpunished, And he who speaks lies shall perish.**" Proverbs 19:5, 9 NKJV

(c) Examples of False Witnesses and Consequences

1. "And **Stephen, full of faith and power,** did great wonders and signs among the people. Then there arose some from what is called the **Synagogue** of the Freedmen (Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and those from Cilicia and Asia), disputing with Stephen. And **they were not able to resist the wisdom**

and the Spirit by which he spoke. Then they secretly induced men to say, **“We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God.”** And **they stirred up** the people, the elders, and the scribes; and they came upon him, seized him, and brought him to the council. **They also set up false witnesses who said, “This man does not cease to speak blasphemous words against this holy place and the law;** for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place **and change the customs which Moses delivered to us.”**” Acts 6:8-14 NKJV

- (d) Throughout the many years that follow in ministry, Paul must contend with non-stop persecution and suffering fueled by ongoing false accusations!
1. “And when they heard it, they glorified the Lord. And they said to him, “You see, brother, how many myriads of Jews there are who have believed, **and they are all zealous for the law; but they have been informed about you that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses,** saying that they ought not to circumcise their children **nor to walk according to the customs.** What then? The assembly must certainly meet, for they will hear that you have come. Therefore do what we tell you: We have four men who have taken a vow. Take them and be purified with them, and pay their expenses so that they may shave their heads, and **that all may know that those things of which they were informed concerning you are nothing, but that you yourself also walk orderly and keep the law.** But concerning the Gentiles who believe, we have written and decided that they should observe no such thing, except that they should keep themselves from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality *[the ruling from Acts 15:1-29 that teaches Gentiles where to begin abiding in the law]*.”” Acts 21:20-25 NKJV
 2. “...if the witness is a false witness, who has testified falsely against his brother, **then you shall do to him as he thought to have done to his brother...**” Deuteronomy 19:18-19 NKJV
 3. Yes, Paul too was stoned along the way in his ministry... “...and having persuaded the multitudes, **they stoned Paul** and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead.” Acts 14:19 NKJV

(e) Exposing False Witnesses

1. **“You shall not circulate a false report.** Do not put your hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness. **You shall not follow a crowd to do evil;** nor shall you testify in a dispute so as to turn aside after many to pervert justice.” Exodus 23:1-2 NKJV
 2. “A false witness shall perish, **But the man who hears him will speak endlessly.**” Proverbs 21:28 NKJV
- (f) How did He do that? What did Y’shua write in the dirt with His finger? And why did all her accusers scatter?
1. “O Lord, the hope of Israel, All who forsake You shall be ashamed. **“Those who depart from Me Shall be written in the earth,** Because they have forsaken the Lord, The fountain of living waters.”” Jeremiah 17:13 NKJV

2. "Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that **such should be stoned**. But what do You say?" John 8:5 NKJV

C. Your Real-Life Cases

- (1) Your life as a Kingdom Scribe (Attorney)
 - (a) "Tell your testimonies and God will give you more testimonies to tell!"
 1. "Therefore, having been **justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also **we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand**, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, **knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope**. Now **hope does not disappoint**, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us."Romans 5:1-5 NKJV

LEGAL PRECEDENT

2. Spiritual Case Laws

A. Who is the Greatest?

- (1) Ruling: the childlike are the most like Christ!
 - (a) Be converted like a child...
 1. "At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "**Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?**" Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, **unless you are converted and become as little children**, you will by no means **enter the kingdom** of heaven. Therefore **whoever humbles himself as this little child** is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me." Matthew 18:1-5 NKJV

B. Y'shua Warns of Offenses

- (1) Ruling: those who cause others to sin are in serious danger.
 - (a) The Origins of Offense
 1. ""Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me **to sin**, **it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck**, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea. **Woe to the world because of offenses!** For offenses must come, but **woe to that man by whom the offense comes!** "If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, **to be cast into the everlasting fire**. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, **to be cast into hell fire.**" Matthew 18:6-9 NKJV

C. The Parable of the Lost Sheep

- (1) Ruling: the ones furthest from God are His greatest priority.
 - (a) Y'shua chases down the lost...

1. **“Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost. “What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying? And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that sheep than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.”** Matthew 18:10-14 NKJV
2. **“Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?”** Hebrews 1:14 NKJV

D. Dealing with Sin in a Brother

- (1) Ruling: there are specific legal procedures when dealing with Christians who sin against you. If you follow them step-by-step, your final decision will be binding!
 - (a) If your brother sins against you...
 1. **“Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.’ And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector. “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. “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. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”** Matthew 18:15-20 NKJV
 - (b) At that point, Y’shua reminds us of what he promised Peter when he gave him the keys to the kingdom.
 1. **“And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”** Matthew 16:19 NKJV
 2. *“Therefore every scribe [lawyer] instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old.”* Matthew 13:52 NKJV
 3. *“Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven...”* Matthew 13:11 NKJV
- (2) Proper utilization of the LAW (when arguing cases and attempting to set precedent).
 - (a) The law concerning judging...
 1. **“You shall appoint judges and officers in all your gates, which the Lord your God gives you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with just judgment. You shall not pervert justice; you shall not show partiality, nor take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the righteous. You shall follow what is altogether just, that you may live and inherit the land which the Lord your God is giving you.”** Deuteronomy 16:18-20 NKJV

(b) The law concerning training...

1. “Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall **write for himself a copy of this law in a book**, from the one before the priests, the Levites. **And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life**, that he may learn to **fear the Lord** his God and be careful to **observe all the words of this law and these statutes**, that his **heart may not be lifted above** his brethren, **that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left**, and that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children in the midst of Israel.”

Deuteronomy 17:18-20 NKJV

(c) The law concerning witnesses...

1. “One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; by the mouth of **two or three witnesses** the matter shall be established.” Deuteronomy 19:15 NKJV
2. “If a **false witness** rises against any man to testify against him of wrongdoing, then both men in the controversy shall stand before the Lord, before the priests and the judges who serve in those days. And the judges shall make careful inquiry, and indeed, if the witness is a false witness, **who has testified falsely against his brother, then you shall do to him as he thought to have done to his brother**; so you shall put away the evil from among you. And those who remain shall hear and fear, and hereafter they shall not again commit such evil among you. Your eye shall not pity: life shall be for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.” Deuteronomy 19:16-21 NKJV

E. The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

(1) Ruling: if you do not forgive others, you will NOT be forgiven! If you do, you will!

(a) How often shall my brother sin against me, and I [again] forgive him?

1. “Then Peter came to Him and said, “**Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?** Up to seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. **Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts** with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him **who owed him ten thousand talents**. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, ‘Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. **“But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii;** and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’ So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, ‘**You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also**

have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?’ And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. **“So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.”** Matthew 18:21-35 NKJV

2. “And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.” Matthew 6:12 NKJV

3. **“For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”** Matthew 6:14-15 NKJV

(b) Cancellation of Debt...

1. **““At the end of every seven years you shall grant a **release of debts**. And this is the form of the release: Every creditor who has lent anything to his neighbor shall release it; he shall not require it of his neighbor or his brother, because **it is called the Lord’s release**.”** Deuteronomy 15:1-2 NKJV

(c) Generosity towards those in need...

1. **““If there is among you a poor man of your brethren, within any of the gates in your land which the Lord your God is giving you, **you shall not harden your heart nor shut your hand from your poor brother, but you shall open your hand wide to him and willingly lend him sufficient for his need, whatever he needs**. Beware lest there be a wicked thought in your heart, saying, ‘The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand,’ and your eye be evil against your poor brother and you give him nothing, and he cry out to the Lord against you, and it become sin among you. **You shall surely give to him, and your heart should not be grieved when you give to him, because for this thing the Lord your God will bless you in all your works and in all to which you put your hand**. For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore I command you, saying, ‘You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your poor and your needy, in your land.”** Deuteronomy 15:7-11 NKJV

F. Marriage and Divorce

(1) Ruling: Divorce is an accommodation because of the hardness of the hearts of man. And even as such, it is only legal when adultery is involved.

(a) Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?

1. “Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these sayings, that He departed from Galilee and came to the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them there. The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, **“Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?”** And He answered and said to them, **“Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’?** So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. **Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.**” They said to Him, **“Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?”** He said to them, **“Moses, because of the hardness of**

your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. And I say to you, **whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality,** and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery.” His disciples said to Him, “If such is the case of the man with his wife, it is better not to marry.”” Matthew 19:1-10 NKJV

2. *“For since the creation of the world **His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made,** even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,”* Romans 1:20 NKJV
3. *“**But if the unbeliever departs, let him depart; a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases.** But God has called us to peace.”* I Corinthians 7:15 NKJV

G. Y’shua Teaches about Celibacy

(1) Ruling: one must be called by God to be celibate, otherwise they were created for marriage.

(a) It’s difficult to fathom...

1. “But He said to them, **“All cannot accept this saying,** but only those to whom it has been given: For there are eunuchs who were born thus from their mother’s womb, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven’s sake. **He who is able to accept it, let him accept it.”**” Matthew 19:11-12 NKJV

H. Y’shua Blesses Little Children

(1) Ruling: children have many character traits of Christ

(a) Children are a great object lesson...

1. “Then little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, **“Let the little children come to Me,** and do not forbid them; **for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”** And He laid His hands on them and departed from there.” Matthew 19:13-15 NKJV
 - a) Then He laid His hands on the little children and prays for them.
 - b) His disciples don’t like it for some reason, but He rebukes them and explains how children have many attributes of the kingdom of heaven.

I. Y’shua Counsels the Rich Young Ruler

(1) Ruling: to be perfect, crafted into the image of Christ, you must surrender everything that hinders you.

(a) If you want to be perfect...

1. “Now behold, one came and said to Him, **“Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?”** So He said to him, **“Why do you call Me good?** No one is good but One, that is, God. **But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.”** He said to Him, “Which ones?” Jesus said, “‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ” **The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?”** Jesus said to him, **“If you want to be perfect,** go, sell what you have

and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” **But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.**” Matthew 19:16-22 NKJV

2. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16 NKJV).
3. “For **the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing**, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” I Corinthians 1:18 NKJV
4. “And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. **He who believes and is baptized will be saved**; but he who does not believe will be condemned.” Mark 16:15-16 NKJV
5. “For I determined not to know anything among you except **Jesus Christ and Him crucified.**” I Corinthians 2:2 NKJV
6. “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that **while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**” Romans 5:8 NKJV
7. “To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: **which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.**” Colossians 1:27 NKJV
8. “For though I am free from all men, **I have made myself a servant to all**, that I might win the more; and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law; to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law; to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. **I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.** Now this I do for the gospel’s sake, that I may be partaker of it with you.” I Corinthians 9:19-23 NKJV

J. With God All Things are Possible

(1) Ruling: it’s easy to be born-again, yet it is very difficult to become Christ-like. However, anything you must sacrifice to do so will be exponentially restored!

(a) With men this is impossible...

1. “Then Jesus said to His disciples, “**Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.** And again I say to you, it is **easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.**” When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, “**Who then can be saved?**” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “**With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.**” Then Peter answered and said to Him, “**See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?**” So Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, **that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne** of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And **everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or**

children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first." Matthew 19:23-30 NKJV

2. *"But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" Luke 22:48 NKJV*
3. *"And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles." Acts 1:26 NKJV*

THE KEYS TO THE KINGDOM

3. Whatever YOU bind...!

A. Kingdom Scribe Duties

(1) Binding and Loosing

(a) Kingdom Scribes must be trained!

1. "Then He said to them, "Therefore every scribe **instructed concerning the kingdom** of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old."" Matthew 13:52 NKJV

(b) Kingdom Scribes have the keys to unlock the mysteries of the kingdom!

1. "And **I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven**, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."" Matthew 16:19 NKJV

(c) Kingdom Scribes in action in Conflict Resolution

1. ""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." Matthew 18:18 NKJV

(2) In order for a Scribe's authority to be valid, he must obey the law himself...

(a) Let's not minimize the seriousness of this...

1. "**Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.** And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. **Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.** Little children, **let no one deceive you.** He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. **He who sins is of the devil**, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. **For this purpose the Son of God was manifested**, that He might **destroy the works of the devil. Whoever has been born of God does not sin**, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God." I John 3:4-9 NKJV

(b) The Practice of Righteousness

1. "In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: **Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God**, nor is he who does not love his brother. For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another," I John 3:10-11 NKJV

(c) Love equals Obedience

1. “By this we know that we love the children of God, **when we love God and keep His commandments**. For this is the love of God, **that we keep His commandments**. And His commandments are not burdensome.” I John 5:2-3 NKJV

B. The Keys to the Kingdom

(1) Outrageous Authority and Immense Responsibility

(a) POST RESURRECTION—As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.

1. “Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! **As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.**” And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” John 20:19-22 NKJV

(b) And here is the authority you will have if you are obedient!

1. “**If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven** them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”” John 20:23 NKJV

(c) You do not see it yet— but you will!

1. “Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, **but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.** And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.” I John 3:1-3 NKJV

C. You will become His letter, His case law!

(1) Ruling: your life and testimonies have become part of His laws in the earth!

(a) What laws are you writing?

1. “And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, **I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.** Amen.” John 21:25 NKJV
2. “**You are our epistle** written in our hearts, known and read by all men; clearly **you are an epistle of Christ**, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.” II Corinthians 3:2-3 NKJV
3. **Being transformed into the same image from glory to glory:** “But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, **are being transformed into the same image** from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.” II Corinthians 3:18 NKJV
4. “Every scribe [lawyer] **instructed concerning the kingdom** of heaven is like a householder **who brings out of his treasure things new and old.**” Matthew 13:52 NKJV