



*Keys
of the
Bible*

What are the "Keys" of the Bible?

There are many types of keys mentioned in the Bible. For simplicity these are divided into two divisions, revealing three basic types:

1. Literal keys
2. Figurative keys (i) Keys of Death (ii) Keys of Life

1. Literal keys and locks have been around for a long time. Sin introduced the need for security and was the necessity which mothered the invention of keys and locks. The only specific reference in the Bible to a literal key is found in Judges 3: 23-26.

2. Figurative keys have been around for a lot longer and can be observed from Genesis to Revelation.

(i) Keys of Death: Although the keys of Death are mentioned here first, we need not fear the keys of Death (Ephesians 5:14). We read about these keys in Revelation 1:18, 9:1, and 20:1. The Keys of Death are held by Christ (Revelation 1:18) and not us; therefore we are cautioned to "judge not, lest we be judged" (Matthew 7:1, See also Romans 14:10).

(ii) Keys of Life: We hold the keys to Life - They are given to God's Church (Matthew 16:19), and we are God's Church (1 John 5 :1-5). We receive them by choice - Joshua 24:15.

What are the keys to life? There is but one Master key to Eternal Life; Christ is this Key. We MUST first accept Him (Revelation 3:20). He is the Key of David (Isaiah 22:22, Revelation 3:7, 22:16). Without utilizing the Master Key FIRST, other keys just won't fit in the lock. A second key is described as the key of knowledge (Luke 11:52). Remember we hold these keys - II Timothy 4: 14-17. These keys are the precious promises of the Bible. These are "keys" because the promises of God are not like the promises of men (II Peter 3:9, Titus 1:2).

Here are a few of the many keys of the Bible:

When lonely or fearful...

Look over the key which is Psalm 27

For an inward peace...

Consider the key of John 14

If fearful of death...

Unlock John 11,17, and Revelation 21 & 22

When "things look blue"...

The key is found in Isaiah 40

When you travel...

Carry the key of Psalm 121 with you

When you are weak...

When things go wrong... Seek the key in Matthew 11:28-30
 Try the key of II Timothy 3
 The best investment is described in... The key of Matthew 6
 When friends go back on you... Cling to the keys of I Corinthians 13
 When tempted to do wrong... The key is found in Psalm 139
 If you are facing a crisis... Turn the key of Psalm 46
 When you are discouraged... Study the key of Psalm 23
 If you are "bored"... The key is found in Job 38-40
 When business is poor... The key is found in Psalm 37
 When anxious for dear ones... Use the keys in Psalm 107
 When you plan your budget... The key is found in Luke 19
 To live successfully with others... Follow the key in Romans 12
 If you are sick or afraid... The key is found in Psalm 19
 When called to greater responsibility... Unlock Joshua 1
 When bereaved... Ponder over the keys in I Corinthians 15 & Revelation 21
 To see what trust in God can do... Study the key Hebrews 11
 When severe losses come... The key is found in the last half of Romans 8
 If having a stiff fight... Simply unlock Ephesians 6
 When you have sinned... Open John 3:1-21 & Isaiah 53
 The way of prayer... May be unlocked with Psalms 42 & 51 and John 17
 At a burial... Read Psalm 23, I Corinthians 15:20, 58, & Revelation 21

Prayer is another key "in the hand of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse" (E G White - Steps to Christ p94).

In conclusion, There is a door to heaven (Revelation 4:1), yet this door is open to accepting believers because Christ is the Master key. The key to the abundant life (John 10:10) has been given to us by Christ. We may, in His strenght, moment-by-moment utilize the keys He freely offers to us.

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