

The Key of David

What did David do that allowed him to do Battle on the Sabbath?

1 Thessalonians 4:1-7

*"Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Yeshua, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. ²For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Yeshua. ³For this is the will of God, **even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;** ⁵Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God: ⁶That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. ⁷**For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.**"*

The Bible has a number of concepts that are repeated at different times throughout scripture in both the Old Testament and New Testament, and are not all explained in an obvious way, but some are a hidden treasure. For the servants of God who study closely and obey him he gives them hidden manna for their sanctification and honor. There are specific instructions given to even the High Priests so they can enter into the inner sanctum of the temple, into the most Holy of Holies, and be seen as clean before God. The Key of David is one concept that is not for everyone, but can bring blessing to those who observe to do it the three days prior and including the Sabbath.

Read the following scripture in order:

Matthew 19:11-12

*"But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given. ¹²**For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.**"*

The term eunuch has to do with a person (usually male) who is one of the King's Guards, and he was castrated as a deterrent to keep him away from the King's wives and / or concubines. In the Bible, the term often refers to someone who chooses to abstain from sexual activity for his own spiritual and physical cleanness—as it discusses in 1 Thessalonians chapter 4.

Matthew 12:1-8

*"At that time Yeshua went on the Sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat. ²But when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the Sabbath day. ³**But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him;** ⁴**How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests?** ⁵Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the*

Sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless? ⁶But I say unto you, That in this place is *one* greater than the temple. ⁷But if ye had known what *this* meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless. **⁸For the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath day."**

At this point the above verse should prompt you to ask the question "What did David do?" The following verse is what Christ is referencing:

1 Samual 21:3-6

"Now therefore what is under thine hand? give me five loaves of bread in mine hand, or what there is present. **⁴And the priest answered David, and said, *There is no common bread under mine hand, but there is hallowed bread; if the young men have kept themselves at least from women.*** ⁵And David answered the priest, and said unto him, ***Of a truth women have been kept from us about these three days, since I came out, and the vessels of the young men are holy, and the bread is in a manner common, yea, though it were sanctified this day in the vessel.*** ⁶So the priest gave him hallowed *bread*: for there was no bread there but the shewbread, that was taken from before the LORD, to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away."

Notice in Chapter 19-20s dialog between David and Jonathan and then Saul and Jonathan. David is fleeing from Saul after David defeated the Philistines and after an evil spirit entered into Saul, who plots to kill David. Chapter 20 discusses David's concern about an approaching sabbath and eating with the King, and hid in the field three days instead of eating at the Kings Table. Saul discusses if David is clean or unclean while his seat is empty. Chapter 21 then discusses David eating the showbread in the temple, which is normally forbidden. But, verse 5 explains "***his vessel is sanctified***" and the Priest could give him the hallowed bread.

2 Samuel 11:9-12

"But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house. ¹⁰**And when they had told David, saying, Uriah went not down unto his house, David said unto Uriah, *Camest thou not from thy journey? why then didst thou not go down unto thine house?*** ¹¹And Uriah said unto David, The ark, and Israel, and Judah, abide in tents; and my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord, are encamped in the open fields; shall I then go into mine house, to eat and to drink, **and to lie with my wife?** as thou livest, and as thy soul liveth, **I will not do this thing.** ¹²And David said to Uriah, Tarry here today also, and tomorrow I will let thee depart."

In this chapter, Uriah is concerned about victory in Battle, and that going to his house to eat, drink and lie with his wife might leave himself open to losing sanctification and also being defeated in battle—he was more concerned with his fellow soldiers than David's offer to go home to rest (when David was attempting to compromise him, because of his sin with Bathsheba). This concept of abstaining from the wives for three days is found in other parts of scripture as well:

Exodus 19:13-14

“And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes. ¹⁵And he said unto the people, **Be ready against the third day: come not at your wives.**”

This section is what Moses commanded the people to do just prior to receiving the 10 Commandments. Also make note that in Daniel Chapter 1, we have a similar story to the one presented in 1 Samuel 21, but this time the eunuch requests David and his brothers eat at the Kings Table, but Daniel insists their diet is exclusive to anything the King may offer and requests they be allowed abstinence from the King’s food; Daniel goes on to challenge the eunuch to observe the difference in the health of those eating from the Kings table versus *God’s* table. Those eating the Daniel diet had a better countenance after ten days.

1 Corinthians Chapters 6 through 7

Paul has a lengthy discussion on sanctification and goes on to explain to “flee fornication” and put your focus on the spiritual things of God rather than the flesh. Paul explains that the lusts of the flesh can cause a person to stumble, but to avoid this stumbling block it “may be better to be married than to burn.” A few key verses:

1 Corinthians 6: 9-15

“Know ye that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, ¹⁰Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹And such were some of you: **but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Yeshua, and by the Spirit of our God. ¹²**All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. ¹³Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body *is* not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power. ¹⁵**Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make *them* the members of an harlot? God forbid.**”****

1 Corinthians 7: 1-4; 6

“Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman.” ²Nevertheless, *to avoid* fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. ³Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise, also the wife unto the husband. ⁴The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise, also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.

Verse 6

“But I speak this by permission, and not of commandment.”

Feel free to read all of 1 Corinthians 6-7 as it explains different expectations about sanctification and cleanness, marriage and relationship—with various Old Testament references referring to Levitical Law. Keep in mind that our spiritual and bodily health is tied to our personal walk with Yah, our obedience to his Commandments, our relationship with Christ (putting him first in all things) while our spiritual self persistently wars against the carnal flesh. As it says in Ephesians chapter 1:21-23:

“Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: ²²**And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,** ²³Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.”

Another important verse on sanctification and the expectation of servant hood is found in 1 Corinthian 7: 19-24, which also makes reference to the story of Hagar and Sarah from Genesis:

“Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God (is everything). ²⁰Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called. ²¹Art thou called being a servant? care not for it: but if thou mayest be made free, use it rather. ²²For he that is called in the Lord, *being* a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise, also he that is called, *being* free, is Christ's servant. ²³Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men. ²⁴Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God. ”

In Genesis, the story of Hagar is referenced many times in scripture as the prime example of what happens when people (in this case Abraham and Sarah) do things in the flesh, in their own power and desires. When they operate in the flesh, they get a flesh consequence. In the case of Hagar, who was coerced to have a child with Abraham, the child through that deed created “children of affliction,” a nation of many people’s through Ishmael. Hagar was the servant of Abraham, and is the bond woman. When Abraham and Sarah waited on God, although late in many years (90 years old), God gave them a child as a gift for Abraham’s faith. Sarah is referred to as the “Free woman,” whose child Isaac is the seed of many peoples and the “children of the Promise.” In this case, the promise God made with Israel is for them to be a blessed under His Covenant. In other words, what happens when people make decisions in the flesh, they put themselves under an earthly law, and when they transgress, the penalty is harsh--even death. When Israel operates under God’s 10 Commandments (which is the Covenant) they get blessing and peace and have no concern for earthly penalties or laws—they are “Free.” In James 2:12 the Covenant is also called the “**Law of Liberty.**” Paul also uses this term in Galatians 5:13 stating, “**For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.**”

So, what happens when we operate in the Spirit, and sanctify ourselves God’s way? The Bible calls it the “Key of David”, and we get a spiritual blessing, described both in Isaiah 22:22-23 and Revelation 3, under Philadelphia:

Isaiah 22: 21-23

“And I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand: and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. ²²**And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so, he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.** ²³**And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father’s house.”**

Interesting. What is this “nail in a sure place?”

Ezra 9:8-9

“And now for a little space grace hath been shewed from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, **and to give us a nail in his holy place**, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage. **For we were bondmen; yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving”**

Deuteronomy 15:15-17

“And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt, and the LORD thy God redeemed thee: therefore, I command thee this thing to day. And it shall be, if he say unto thee, I will not go away from thee; because he loveth thee and thine house, because he is well with thee; ¹⁷**Then thou shalt take an aul, and thrust it through his ear unto the door, and he shall be thy servant forever.** And also, unto thy maidservant thou shalt do likewise.”

An “aul” is like a nail, and it says his ear is “fastened in a sure place.” That sure place is a door—the Door to the Kingdom! **That same Door is Christ!** So, it says when we listen to our Messiah, and trust and do everything he says to do, he opens and shuts the doors.

Your obedience and sanctification to Christ and to God will be the key to opening that door! It basically says this same thing in a number of other verses in Revelation:

Revelation 22:14

“**Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.”**

Revelation 14:12

“**Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Yeshua.”**

Revelation 12:17

“**And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Christ Yeshua.”**

Revelation 3: 6-12

“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. ⁷And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith **he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;** ⁸**I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.** Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. ¹⁰**Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation,** which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. ¹¹Behold, I come quickly: **hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.** ¹²Him that over cometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, *which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.*”

John 10:1-4

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. ²But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. ⁴And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.”

The Porter is Christ!

As previously explained, he is the Door to the Kingdom!

Isaiah Chapter 55

(The Compassion of the Lord)

Please read this entire chapter, but a few key verses to mention, verses 3-6:

“Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. ⁴Behold, I have given him *for* a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people. ⁵Behold, thou shalt call a nation *that* thou knowest not, and nations *that* knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee. ⁶**Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near”**

Another story in the book of Joshua, chapter 6. This one does not mention a Key of David or abstaining from wives specifically, but the Lord commands Joshua to march around the city of Jericho once every 6 days, and 7 times on the 7th day (the Sabbath day). Here it is implied that the army is fully sanctified before the Lord, and by their obedience, the walls of Jericho fell in the presence of the Ark of the Covenant. Not only did the door open to that city, but it was left entirely without walls, allowing the army to have victory over their enemy.

2 Timothy 2:21

“Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.”

1 Peter 1:2

“According to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.”

Video on Key of David

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