

Sermon Title: The Key, the Locksmith Couldn't Copy

Presented Sabbath Sept 29, 2001 – Yom Kippur morning.

Aim: To Show that we are accepted in the Beloved. We are the children of God. To show that Christ is the key by which we enter the kingdom of God.

Introduction – Illustration about old car key that I wanted to be copied.

- It was a key like the original
- It fitted into the lock
- But it would not turn and open the door.

Church illustration. Sitting in church.

- I was in a church
- The church was worshipping God
- But I sensed that something was wrong, I was missing something. I was not getting a full blessing.
- Church people were from another kingdom, another language

Transition

This is how it is for most of us in the Christian journey from Satan's kingdom to God's Kingdom.

- We believe in Christ
- We enter the church of God
- But it is a conflict, often a loss of joy, not a full understanding. The key does not seem to fit the lock properly, it seems to jam.

Refresh On Two Kingdoms

Attribute	God's Kingdom	Satan's Kingdom
Government	Family	State - Territorial
Currency	Character	Personal & Material Assets
Citizenship	Sons and Daughters of God – Son. Gal 4	Performance and Achievement – Slave. Gal 4

My observation is that most Christians truly believe in the kingdom of God but the kingdom of Satan is so deeply engrained in our souls that we live by the kingdom of Satan. I repeat, we believe in the Kingdom of God, but we live by the kingdom of Satan. 2 Cor 5:16 NIV “So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way,”

1. My Experience

- Pre-conversion – PPP
 - Results of 12 years of school
 - Comparison ladders – Intelligence, Beauty, Wealth
 - Evangelism Through the Movies: Prove yourself
 - Dreams – Hitting the winning runs, saving the world, etc
 - Dreams start to fade as reality sets in. depression, worthlessness
- Conversion experience
 - Steps to Christ 13 – Sins forgiven – freedom, and joy

- Organised Party – Could not enjoy carnal life anymore.
- The Christian Walk - In the early weeks joy but then...
 - Fear of public prayer – heart racing in the circle
 - Covetousness of learned Bible students
 - The need to convert people to Jesus
 - My mind was yearning for the kingdom of God but my heart was firmly entrenched in the kingdom of Babylon.
 - Pantheon to the Vatican – Same gods different names

2. A look at the church today

- Conflict and confusion.
- Power and control
- Criticism and backbiting
- Focus on Strategy, money and Skill and Education.

3. My Experience

- I believed the truth
- I memorised lots of scripture, knew and believed all of EGW
- I know that what I believe is right – but my heart was a slave of Babylon
- Criticism of church leadership, Criticism of those making excuse for sin
- Confident in my knowledge of the Bible.

4. The Key

- This is my beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased Matt 3:17
- This is for all of us DA 116
- The Story of David and Goliath is the Story of Jesus in the Wilderness
 - 40 days
 - Representative Battle
 - Jesus conquered for us.
 - He is the Key to the kingdom
- In God's Kingdom There are no Servants but Sons Gal 4:1-8

5. The Litmus Test

- You may say I know I am a child of God, but if you
- Often despair at your achievements – you don't believe
- If you often criticise others – you don't believe it
- If you trust in your knowledge of the Bible – then you don't believe it

Conclusion

- Come out of Babylon
- Come into the Kingdom of God
- Lay down PPP
- Believe that you are His.