

Whatever Thou Shalt Bind...

Scripture reading: Matthew 16:13-19

Let us see if we can understand this passage in Matthew 16 as I believe that having this understanding is very important for every one of us. In the dialogue between Jesus and Peter, it is not something that God was saying just to Peter. Jesus was not saying to Peter that he was the only one who had the revelation that Jesus is the Christ, but that all of you who get this revelation are building on the rock and this rock is Christ Jesus. The word “*Peter*” means “*a little stone*.” Moreover, He punned upon the word “*stone*,” and said “*rock*.” Jesus is the “*rock!*” “*...And upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*” The relationship between the stone and the rock is that a stone is a little piece of the rock.

Jesus went a little further and said, “*...and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*”

Jesus gave a people a mandate to bind the devil, thus giving us a mandate to bind devils. We have not been using it as much as we ought. We need to use it more effectively, for I have discovered that we can “*overload*” Satan’s circuits (if you understand what I am saying). Have you ever had a circuit overload? You turn on your stove on high yet you are getting low heat because your circuits are “*overloaded*.” There are too many things pulling power on the same circuit! Overloading Satan’s circuits might sound preposterous, but do you know why this is possible? It is because Satan is limited. He has limits to his ability and scope while God is unlimited! Therefore, we are dealing with a limited Satan and an unlimited God! Hallelujah!

Now, if you press Satan to his limits, he does all kinds of foolishness. Like one time he got some unfortunate brother and sister to write me a letter that was against the Blood of Jesus Christ. Satan had lost his marbles! Aren’t you glad that he is losing his marbles? He’s getting wild and desperate! When Satan writes to the church a letter going against the Blood of Jesus Christ as a weapon, he must be pretty desperate. The Blood of Jesus Christ is given to sanctify, save our souls, deliver us from evil, bring down the kingdoms of darkness, and destroy devils. He is really running out of ammunition and cannot seem to find anything else to attack us with. He is in trouble! Revelation 12:12b says, “*...For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.*”

Let us look into a few pointers on how to overload the circuits of the devil and at the outset let me ask you to do it every morning, and every day at midday, and every night! So that, while the brethren in America are sleeping, the brethren in Germany will be doing it. Then we will call to the brethren in Africa, and then we will go further to the brethren in India (who are nine hours different in time from us), and so on, so that we will have an around the clock bombardment of the devil. We will break the enemy down and will destroy him from our midst. Hallelujah!

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Thought for today: Take hold of the mandate that God has given to us to bind devils. As we do so, we will overload his circuits and cast him out of our midst.