

The Supernatural Power of a Transformed Mind

Study Guide

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RETHINKING BINDING AND LOOSING

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven (MATTHEW 16:19 NASB).

This is one of the more accurate translations of this verse. Due to some confusion, some have gotten carried away with the idea of binding and loosing, believing that whatever they "loose" through prayer or declaration—regardless of whether it's in agreement with God's heart or not—will come to pass just because they are "loosing" it on earth, and as a result, it gets loosed in Heaven. We don't tell God what to do. There is an order that we are bringing ourselves into agreement and alignment with. This is what produces supernatural confidence in us—the fact that we are binding and loosing in agreement with God's will and purpose. The key is rethinking this concept of binding and loosing by understanding Heaven's blueprint.

We loose on earth that which has been loosed in Heaven already. Likewise, we bind, or forbid that which has already been bound in Heaven. The model is on earth as it is in Heaven. The question is: What is loosed in Heaven? What permeates the culture and climate of God's world? Peace. Wholeness. Joy. Conversely, what is forbidden in Heaven? Sickness. Torment. Oppression. We are not telling God what to bind or loose in Heaven. Rather, we are commanding situations on earth to come into divine alignment with the realities that are established by the Father in Heaven. Again, we are not commanding God. If anything, what's present and absent in Heaven is God's command to what should be present or absent on earth. Again, if *on earth as it is in Heaven* is His model and standard, this is the reality we need to be pressing into. We do this through binding and loosing.

I want you to rethink this even further. More than commanding, it's really the process of agreement. What we bind on earth or loose on earth is based on our agreement with God's world, and God's blueprint. Heaven is our standard. Our citizenship is first in God's Kingdom, and as His ambassadors, we are called to expand the reach of His Kingdom to the uttermost parts of the earth. We disciple nations on how to experience the rule and reign of Heaven in every sphere of society, not through military takeover or violent overthrow, but by introducing this world to the realities that are normal in Heaven—peace, joy, wholeness, rest, abundance, creativity, etc.

TRANSFORMATION THOUGHT

Our assignment is to bind what has already been bound in Heaven, and loose what is already loosed in Heaven.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What does "binding and loosing" look like to you?
2. Why do you think that it is important to first discover what is bound/loosed in Heaven before binding/loosing on earth? How do you know what's already bound/loosed in Heaven?

TRANSFORMATION PRAYER

Thank You for the ability to see what is loosed and what is bound in Heaven, so that I can bring these realities to earth. Increase revelation and clarity when it comes to studying Your Word, and discovering what life looks like in Heaven, so that I can release this same quality of life on earth.