

He alone locks and opens doors

Isaiah 22:22 (MKJV) And the key of the house of David I will lay on His shoulder; so **He shall open, and none shall shut; and He shall shut, and none shall open.**

Isaiah 22:22 (CEV) The LORD will put him in charge of the key that belongs to King David's family. **No one will be able to unlock what He locks, and no one will be able to lock what He unlocks.**

God has spoken to me about this yesterday afternoon (17 Jan 2008)... Interesting thought, you might have thought about it before or not but its good to think about again... when God says that whatever Jesus (He) opens no man shall shut and whatever He shuts no man can open it is not just a verse we can stand on it is also a verse we are subject to.. For when He says no man... that includes you and me !!!

May the Lord open your Spiritual eyes so you can see His love for you in His ways.

We very often hear people quote this but do we understand that this is a key to what is going on in much of our lives..

Lets look at the first part :

Whatever He opens no man shall shut:

How many people do you know that get married , get divorced and even though they go through deliverance, counseling and cutting of soul ties ext the two people never seem to get over each other or forget each other... why ??

How many of us have experienced friendships that no matter how long its been since we have seen those friends when we meet them again its like we never parted ways and the friendship is still as strong and special, even after 10, 20 or 40 years... why ?

How many people leave a church and run to another just to never feel like the new church is their Spiritual home, like its just not the same as where they came from, even years down the line ... why ?

Certain friends fight and break the friendships over massive things just to forgive each other again sooner or later and restore the friendship to just as amazing that it was but other friends tiff over small things and break their friendships of forever ... why ?

I can give a million more example's, but the answer is easy...

Why ? Because He has opened a door and even though you TRY to shut it in the natural it will never be shut because He has declared it to be open and it stays open forever in the Spiritual..

Whatever He shuts no man shall open:

How many people get married for the wrong reasons (any reason but the will of God for your life and destiny is a wrong reason and that includes human love.. yes you must love, but if its from your flesh and not from the Spirit of God it's a disaster) just to end up in divorce no matter how hard both try, no matter how much you counsel them ext..

Mark 10:9 Therefore what God has joined together, let not man put apart.

How often do we here people quote this verse but do we really read it ... what God has joined together... so if you get married out of your flesh ext and it was not Gods will for you will it last ? is it a sin to divorce someone that God never told you to marry ? does God even recognize such a marriage ? If a pastor does not discern the will of God and goes against the peace in his heart to marry two people that he is not sure should be married, is that marriage Spiritually valid or just another paper marriage same as in the world system... (I can just see a few faces pulling over this one, please don't send me hate mail, ask God.. pray and find the answer in your own heart..)

How many of you have been in business ventures that failed horribly despite your best efforts... why ?

How many of us have tried to make friendships or relationships work but no matter what you try it never works... why ?

How many people have tried to pray loved ones out of a death bed just to see their loved ones still die... why ?

How many people have prayed for the dead to be raised, having more than enough faith and not seeing it happen.. why ?

Why ? Because a door that He has shut you will not push open even if you push till your blue in the face.. that's the plain simple honest truth...

Okay I can hear that voice crying to cling onto hope to make your own plans succeed even against His will screaming out at me, but what about the verse that says..

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

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Hmmm... yes an awesome verse... misquoted and twisted out of proportion to suit people's opinions more times than I would like to think of but still an awesome verse...

What does this verse mean ? Does it mean God will change His plans to suit us, as some would imply..... NEVER.... God is Sovereign and so is His will...

So what does it mean ?

That failed marriage you went through because you married out of the flesh, will probably still end in divorce but God will use your bad experiences to make you stronger spiritually, to teach you valuable life lessons, to pull you closer and show you His love, to give you experiences you can use to minister to others that they wont make the same mistakes...

That failed business might cost you financially but you will learn out of your mistakes and end up being a good businessman in the business God gives you, making a success of it and mentoring others.. and as always pulling you closer to God and making you spiritually stronger and more mature..

That girlfriend or boyfriend that goes away and your left broken hearted might open your eyes to a trait in yourself that keeps on attracting the wrong type of person that needs to change, and once you change it God brings the life partner He chose for you...

Why you ask? Why does God close doors that I cannot open and open doors that I cannot close ? There is four very clear answers to that:

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome.

Isaiah 55:8-9 For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith Jehovah. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:11 So shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

1 John 4:8b ... God is love.

So in a nutshell, God is love, He knows the plan He has to prosper you and give you a future and it is much, much higher than the plans you make for yourself, the words He spoke over your life in the beginning of time demands to be fulfilled and because He loves us too much to watch us waste our whole lives on a wrong decision we made out of the flesh and wants us to get over our failures as soon as possible so we can get back on track with our destiny's He has closed doors we will not be able to open and opened doors we will not be able to shut..

So He does it for one simple reason... to save us from our worst enemies... ourselves...

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