

TAKING AWAY THE KEY OF KNOWLEDGE

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Luke 11:52: "Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered."

I want to consider, at this time, a topic drawn from the Bible: "taking away the key of knowledge". Lawyers, now often called theologians, take away the important key of knowledge.

Lawyers

According to the passage, Jesus criticizes Lawyers. *Woe unto you, lawyers!*

By the way, who are lawyers? They are what we refer to as specialists of the law or the Bible; they are now often referred to as theologians, who specialize in the word of God.

It is somewhat strange that they were criticized by Jesus. These "Specialists" in the law of the Bible were, in fact, not beneficial but harmful to people.

Generally, the work of specialists is to help people develop skills. For example, when somebody who is not good at playing tennis goes to specialists in tennis, he/she would be trained and coached so as to develop his/her skills in order to win games.

Similarly, when somebody who is not really good at playing the piano goes to specialists in piano, he/she would be taught and eventually, would be able to play the piano smoothly.

Thus, when people go to specialists, they would be able to develop their skills.

However, when it comes to learning the Bible, it does not always work that way.

Let us be warned that if people go to theologians, they wouldn't be able to learn what they must learn, would acquire wrong knowledge, and finally, they would lose their soul. Therefore, it is possible that you will be kept away from the knowledge of truth, as a result of trusting "specialists" in the Bible. Jesus says that people will be kept away from the key of knowledge because of the lawyers.

This tells us that it is not enough just to read the Bible, purchase manuals or listen to theologians without doubting. Therefore, you should be careful about their stories or messages. Failure to do this would result in you making mistakes or losing your life forever. You should be extremely cautious of them. The lawyers and Pharisees kept people away from entering the kingdom

But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in (Matthew 23:13).

From this passage, we can see that those who trust their (scribes and Pharisees) word or believe them blindly are in danger of going to hell.

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves (Matthew 23:15).

The purpose of reading the Bible is so that we might all go to heaven, but we find that one can actually go to hell instead, which is rather ironic.

However, this is possible because Jesus said so. This does not apply to the time of Jesus alone, it is also true of hypocrites or religionists of our time.

If you put your trust in them, then you risk losing your soul and going to hell instead of heaven, which is our goal.

Let's consider the word "knowledge." What do I mean?

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sin (Luke 1:77).

According to this passage, we find that there is a required knowledge to obtain eternal life. Therefore, the *knowledge* in this passage is referring to "required knowledge" for us to obtain eternal life. Then, scribes and Pharisees took away this required knowledge from people trying to obtain it, and Jesus criticized them for it.

Key of knowledge

Jesus talked about the key of knowledge taken away. What is the key? There are words such as, keywords, key points, etc. These words are related to "the key." Something important or necessary can be called key points or keywords.

There are some key points or keywords to understand the Bible correctly, and to obtain eternal life. These scribes and Pharisees took these keywords and key points away.



Keywords to understand the mystery of the kingdom

There are keywords to understand the mystery and hidden truths. One of these is to understand *parables*.

Mark 4:10-13 says, "And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable."

And he said unto them, 'unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:

that seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.'

And he said unto them, 'Know ye not this parables? and how then will ye know all parables?'"

Jesus was trying to teach us about knowing the mystery of the kingdom of God and parables. Jesus even scolded his disciples who didn't understand parables, "Know ye not this parables?"

Therefore, it is essential for disciples to understand parables, or else, they won't be able to understand the mystery of the kingdom of God.

The mystery of the kingdom told with parables

Thus, Jesus told us that the mystery of the Kingdom of God is related to parables. Jesus preached all the time with parables.

And with many such parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear it.

But without parables spake he not unto them: and when they were alone, he expounded all thing to his disciples (Mark 4:33-34).

It is obvious that Jesus doesn't speak without parables. All of his teachings were done with parables, so it is important to understand them. Therefore, if you want to understand the mystery of the kingdom of God, we should use the keyword *parables*.

If we do not use them, it will be difficult to understand the mystery of the kingdom.

Parable about collapse of the temple

As mentioned above, the Bible says Jesus doesn't speak without parables. From this perspective, let us consider the Words about the End.

According to *Matthew 24:1-2*, Jesus tells about the collapse of the temple: *"And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to show him the buildings of the temple.*

And Jesus said unto them, 'See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.'"

Jesus prophesies the collapse of the temple. This prophecy is fulfilled TWICE. The first prophecy was fulfilled in A.D.70. At that time, The Romans invaded Jerusalem, the capital of apostate Jews, and the temple was destroyed.

The second prophecy is to be fulfilled in the End. However, the second prophecy doesn't seem to result in collapse of the temple literally. The second one is fulfilled with parables.

There are several reasons for this, but the most decisive reason is the fact that there is NOT A TEMPLE in Jerusalem. It is impossible to steal \$100 bills from an empty wallet as well as collapse a temple not built.

The temple doesn't exist anymore in present day Jerusalem. There is no space for the temple because the Islamic dome is at the same spot it should have stood at the top of Mt. Moriah.

The Temple should not be built elsewhere. The Bible specifies the place where the temple should be built and that is nowhere but at the top of the Mt. Moriah. However, that spot is already occupied by the Muslims, and it seems they would not leave without a fight because they consider it a sacred place.

How did this happen? I will say this is God's will. God gives us a hint to understand this prophecy through such situation. In other words, Jesus tells us to understand a parable relating to the prophecy.

Let's consider the parable about collapse of the temple without a literal interpretation.

Bible says about temple in *Ephesians 2:20-22*, *"And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;*

In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord.

In whom ye also are builded together for a habitation of God through the Spirit."

The Bible says a habitation of God is a temple in itself. Then the foundation of the temple is the apostles and prophets, and the chief corner stone is Jesus Christ. Therefore, the Words of Jesus in Matthew 24, *"verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down,"* is referring to the collapse of the habitation of God and that day of apostasy, rather than the literal collapse of the temple.

The words of Jesus corresponds with *2 Thessalonians 2:3-4*: *"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling way first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;*

Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God."

According to the passage, there will be church apostates at that time and the man of sin, that is, the Anti-Christ sits in the temple of God. The apostates reject Christ and acknowledge the Anti-Christ as God instead. It is written about the day of the collapse of spirit and creed, at the place worshipping God.

On the day, the teachings of the apostles and prophets who are spiritual base of the church will be despised and rejected.

The salvation and the Gospel of Christ, which is the cornerstone and foundation of our faith, will be denied, and Christ will be removed from the temple.

These are what Jesus prophesies in Matthew 24 about the day of collapse of the temple.

Theologians take the key of knowledge away

As mentioned, you can comprehend prophecies of the End times through an understanding of parables. However, Biblical scholars and theologians take away, deny and force out such parables.

They are opposed to comprehension of parables and bring up criticisms like “spiritual interpretation is not the proper way.” Rather, they encourage people to translate the Bible literally, which is totally opposite to what Jesus says.

As a result, parables are already excluded from theological schools and manuals, so nobody tries to comprehend parables, and then people become *blind* and can’t understand signs of the End times and the mystery of the kingdom of God.

Those who take the key of knowledge away are these so called theologians and bible scholars. They block people from understanding the mystery of the kingdom of God.

The time when the key of knowledge is taken away

How can we understand the times? By my understanding, the present time is the time when the key of knowledge is taken away.

Although it is very important to comprehend prophecies of the End, it is taken away by hypocritical theologians and bible scholars. As a result, nobody obtains knowledge of the truth.

Nobody knows important knowledge such as the Beast is United States and Sukkot is important at the last days.

The Revelation is the book to warn us of the End by God but the key to show us what will happen is taken away. Therefore, some do not know the signs of the End and have not prepared for it yet, which is not good.

We must recapture the key taken away and obtain the knowledge of the truth.

