

THE GATES OF HELL Vs THE BELIEVER

“THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST THE CHURCH”

“...Upon this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Matthew 16:18

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Someone has estimated that God's Word contains over three thousand promises to men. The Lord has never broken a single one of those promises. The Lord and His Word are absolutely trustworthy.

In Matthew 11:28 the Lord in His Word has promised salvation to every sin-burdened soul who will come to him in faith. “Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” John 3:16 is a precious promise of the Lord Jesus. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

The Lord Jesus Christ is absolutely dependable in keeping all the promises he has made. Revelation 1:5 refers to him as “...Jesus Christ who is the faithful witness...” and Revelation 19:11 describes Him as “Faithful and true...” James 1:17 says that in Him “...is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”

Our focus here contains a great promise made by God the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, the faithful and true ONE: that The Gates of Hell shall not prevail against us. The gates of hell shall never prevail against the true believer.

Let me rephrase my title “The Gates of Hell Shall Not Prevail against the Believer:”

Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God? If you believe that He is, then you are blessed, because flesh and blood have not revealed this unto you, but God the Father, who is in Heaven. Jesus also says that because of your faith that He is the Christ, the Son of the living God, your trust in this fact of His being Christ is the Rock you will be able to stand on that and that alone at the Judgment Seat. Jesus told His disciples that Jesus is the rock on which He will build His church, not Peter's church; “and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it” Matt. 16:18. If you believe this fact, Jesus will give to you “the keys of the kingdom of Heaven, the right to enter Heaven” Matt. 16:19, as He did Peter and every other believer. By trusting in Christ we are saved Eph. 2:8 and 9. God through Christ has “made us kings and priests” Rev. 1:6, “a royal priesthood” 1 Pet. 2:9. “And whatsoever, we, shall bind on earth, by teaching and preaching the Word of God and prayer, shall be bound in Heaven: and whatsoever, we, shall loose on earth, shall be loosed in Heaven. Heaven will not aid you in putting a stop to it” Matt. 18:18. Peter had the keys to the kingdom of Heaven by his faith that Jesus is the Christ, the Word of God, and the Rock: so do you and I. It is heresy for Rome to say that Peter and the Apostles are, or were the Rock. Jesus is the Rock of Ages, and by our faith in Jesus as the Rock, the Christ, the Son of the living God, we are given the keys to Heaven, we are saved. There is no historical foundation to the rumor that Peter is or ever was the bishop of Rome. Rome, the Bible says, is Satan's seat. And the pretence of a succession of or from him by the Roman bishop is just a Catholic Vatican fable. Peter and all others were given the keys to Heaven for their Christian profession and obedience alone. In Matthew, chapter 13, Jesus tells the parable of the sower of the seed. The seed, Jesus said, is the Word. If hearts fail, it is because of sin and they are of little faith. We see this in verses 4, 5, 6, and 7: “And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the

wayside, and the fowls came and devoured them up. Jesus tells us the fowls are the devil: Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up because they had no deepness of earth: And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprung up, and choked them.” The gates of Hell did prevail against those who did not provide a fertile ground for God’s Word.

The powers of Hell are always going to do their best to prevail over people. It is such a great victory for the devil, Satan, to prevail over people, especially God’s people. Jesus is our Faith. What does the word prevail mean? Prevail, means “to overcome; to gain the victory or superiority; to gain the advantage.” When Moses held up his hands, Israel prevailed Ex. 17:11. If you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, there is no power that the devil, Satan, the great red dragon, the snake, has over you. There is no way that the gates of Hell can prevail over the faith of a Believer.

What does Hell use to try to cause a Christian to be overcome or be prevailed upon? The answer is trials, persecutions, disobedience, tribulations, separations, aggravations, irritations, temptations, famines, sickness, torture, slanders, and crucifixions, among many other things. This is why we ourselves are to deny ourselves, take up our own crosses and follow Christ. Mortify our flesh, take up the cross, and follow Christ. We are going through nothing as bad as spending eternity in Hell and the Lake of Fire. For faithfulness, we go to Heaven away from all that we are going through here. Look at what Christ went through so we are able to escape Hell and gain Heaven!! How could it be possible for anyone, any government, all the forces in the world, and all the forces of Hell to destroy the church of God when our God, Jesus, created everything and does order the very elements, telling the wind and the waves what to do, and they do it? “And they, His disciples, being afraid wondered, saying one to another. What manner of man is this! For He, commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey Him.” Luke 8:25. He raises the dead Matt. 11:5; all those sleeping in the dust shall raise Dan. 12:2. The entire universe is created by God, Christ: “For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him and for Him” Colossians 1:16. Has the government an arm like God? Can they speak out of a whirlwind? They give counsel, but they give words without knowledge. Where were they when He laid the foundations of the earth? Ask them; see if they have an understanding of it. Who has laid the measure of it, and who has stretched the line upon it? Where are, the foundations thereof fastened? “Or who laid the corner stone thereof; when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brakes forth as if it had issued out of the womb? When I, God made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddling band for it, And brake up for it My decreed place, and set bars and doors, and said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shalt thy proud waves stay? Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days, and caused the dayspring to know his place; That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it” Job 38:4-13?

The God hating, God-denying and Bible mutilating religious people of this country along with their ungodly governmental leaders, the queers the faggots the Vatican State church, Muslims and the rest of America’s immoral population don’t seem to know their own U.S. Constitution, its laws. What you are doing is against the laws of this land, not only according to the Bible God gave mankind but to the law of the land itself! You are ignorant, unconstitutional and anti-Americans. I am a person that believes that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and I’m telling you that you’re not going to get by with what you are doing. If you murder me, you cannot murder my soul. But if God takes the lives of unsaved wicked people like yourselves, you will be in Hell and the lake of fire forever and in a split second! Rev. 21:8.

You have tried to put an end to my church for more than fifty years and God's Church with Christ as its Leader for over two thousand years, but you will not succeed because the gates of Hell shall not prevail against us. The true Bible Believing Christians are as strong today as they were 2,000 years ago, and you the children of the Devil, the sons of Satan are exactly the same as you were back then. Turn around now, repent of your sins and rebellion now!

STAND STRONG YOU BIBLE BELIEVERS, THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NEVER PREVAIL AGAINST YOU, TIME IS SHORT AND IT'S HOME GOING TIME.