

Sunday Session 1 - November 24, 2013
"Keys of Hades" - (Revelation 1:18)

Read Revelation 1:7-20

Revelation 1:18

"(I am) the living one, and I became dead, and behold I am living unto the ages of the ages, and I have the keys of death and of Hades."

This is a continuation of verse 17, where the Lord is identifying Himself to John, so the "I Am" is understood.

Exegesis of Revelation 1:18

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καὶ ὁ ζῶν	καὶ ἐγενόμην νεκρὸς	καὶ ἰδοὺ ζῶν εἰμι εἰς τοὺς
	(AMI 1st p.s. of γίνομαι)	(AMImp. 2nd p.s. of εἶδον)
		(PAP n.m.s. of ζάω)

ages of the ages,	and I have the keys	of death and of hades.
αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων	καὶ ἔχω τὰς κλεῖς	τοῦ θανάτου καὶ τοῦ ᾄδου

Our Lord is saying (because of the middle voice in the Aorist Middle Indicative of GINOMAI) that He *became dead*, and He *benefited* from it. Thus, as Christians *we all* benefit likewise from it.

NEKROS – *Dead*

KAI IDOU ZON EIMI EIS TOUS AIONAS TON AIONON – *...and behold I am living unto the ages of the ages,*

KAI ECHOT TAS KLEIS – *...and I have (and hold) the keys...*

TOU THANATOU KAI TOU HADOU – *of death and of Hades.*

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1. Key is the symbol of authority, control and the symbol of possession (Isaiah 9:6).
2. The power of death and the power of hell are not allowed to be without control and without authority.
3. Hell even trembles in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ.
4. God's throne is higher and stronger than the throne of evil.
5. Death is surveyed by the sovereign design of the Master, who holds the key. Things do not happen by chance; there is an elective purpose of God in everything.
6. This means that Jesus Christ rules heaven, hell, earth, all that is under the earth – He is the king over all.
7. Jesus Christ is the ruler of the unseen world.
8. Jesus Christ is the only Key to life (John 3:16, 14:6).
9. Christ is also the Key to death (Revelation 1:18). He knows when, where, why and how we all will die; in fact, He turns the key.

NEKROS - THANATOS are words that stand out in Revelation 1:18

In I Thess. 4 the word "*sleep*" is used by the Apostle Paul when he is discussing *death*, to comfort the Corinthian believers about the subject of death. We must remember that *whatever Satan is up to, IT IS BY PERMISSION.*

The thought of death can be horrible, or it can be very wonderful.

We must remember the following:

Death knocks on the doors of the cottage, the mobile home, the house, and the castle.

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Death is in God's hand, and only occurs by permission of the all-seeing eye of God. Our Lord Jesus Christ holds the keys to death.

God takes care of the soul, and He takes care of the body.

While Christ was still very much alive on the cross, He said it is finished, meaning the Plan of Salvation had been completed. The problem of physical body also had to be solved; He did this in receiving the Resurrection body.

When Christ died for us, He bought us, that we would be raised eternally to live with Him. Paul said "*for me to live - CHRIST, for me to die - GAIN!*"

WHEN JESUS DIED...

HIS BODY WENT TO THE TOMB (Lk. 23:53)

HIS SPIRIT WENT TO THE FATHER'S PRESENCE (Lk 23:46; Ps. 31:5)

HIS SOUL Went to Abraham's Bosom (Ps. 16:10; Lk. 23:43) It has 3 compartments:

- Paradise
- Torments
- Tartarus

God has planned a great future for us.