

Word Studies 7 – Bind and Loose

[Mat 16:16](#) And Simon Peter answered and said, **Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.**

[Mat 16:17](#) And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

[Mat 16:18](#) And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

[Mat 16:19](#) And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and **whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven**: and **whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven**.

The most common interpretation of this binding and loosening authority given to Peter is that the largest segment of Christianity is under the control of a Church which has power to forgive sins, or deny a Christian burial, last rights, or baptism thus determining the eternal destiny of its parisheners.

Let's see what God's word has to say about binding and loosening, whether this is conducted on others or by ourselves!

Bind the Good

[Num 30:2](#) If a man **vow a vow** unto the LORD, or **swear an oath** to **bind his soul with a bond**; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth.

[Deu 6:8](#) And thou shalt **bind them for a sign upon thine hand**, and they shall be as **frontlets between thine eyes**. **Mark in the hand or in the forehead...what is bound?**

Deut 6:6 **these words, which I command thee this day**, shall be in **thine** heart:

[Deu 6:7](#) And thou shalt **teach them** diligently unto **thy** children, and shalt **talk of them** when **thou** sittest in thine house, and when **thou** walkest by the way, and when **thou** liest down, and when **thou** risest up.

Binding the word of God to mind and hand is a personal work.

Our mind: a hearer of the word; our hand: a doer of the word.

[Pro 3:3](#) Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: **bind them about thy neck**;
write them upon the table of thine heart: **Bind mercy and truth to your own heart.**

[Isa 61:1](#) The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to **bind up the brokenhearted**, to proclaim **liberty to the captives**, and the **opening of the prison to them that are bound**;

[Isa 58:6](#) Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to **loose the bands of wickedness**, to **undo the heavy burdens**, and to **let the oppressed go free**, and that ye **break every yoke**?

[Isa 8:16](#) **Bind up the testimony, seal the law** among my disciples. **Each of us must be sealed individually.**

[Heb 4:12](#) The **Word of God** is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged **sword**, piercing even to the **dividing asunder of soul and spirit**.

[Matt 10:34,35](#) I came not to send peace, but a **sword**...to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother...

If we bind the testimony, keep the law, bind mercy and truth, bind the words of God upon our hand and in our mind here on earth, we will be among the saints that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus in our Father's kingdom.

Binding to a Person

[Gen 44:30](#) [Jacob's] life is **bound up in the lad's life**.

[Num 8:2,3](#) A vow of a Nazarite, to **separate themselves unto the LORD**. He shall **separate himself from wine** and strong drink...

[Jdg 15:10](#) And the men of Judah said, Why are ye come up against us? And they answered, **To bind Samson** are we come up, to do to him as he hath done to us.

[Jdg 16:5](#) And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her [Delilah], Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may prevail against him, **that we may bind him**

Samson allowed himself to be bound because he was captivated by a woman.
Those who are bound to Mystery, Babylon, Mother of Harlots will share her fate.

Loosening the Bad

[Jos 5:15](#) And the captain of the LORD'S host said unto Joshua, **Loose thy shoe** from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. **Remove our control, our will here on earth; not our will but "Thy will be done ...as it is in heaven."**

"Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." What freedom we extend to those bound by sin, we also will experience in the kingdom of heaven.

[Dan 3:20](#) And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to **bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego**, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace.

[Dan 3:25](#) He answered and said, Lo, **I see four men loose**, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

Because they refused to be bound to Babylon, they were loosed by the Son of God.

[2Cor 6:17](#) **Come out from among them**, and **be ye separate**, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing

[Matt 6:19,20](#) Lay not up for yourselves **treasures upon earth**; but lay up for yourselves **treasures in heaven**

[Matt 25:31,32](#) the Son of man...shall **separate them** one from another, as a shepherd **divides his sheep** from the goats.

[Matt 13:30](#) Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first **the tares, and bind them** in bundles to burn them: but **gather the wheat** into my barn.

The tares were bound to this world, they will be bound for burning;
The wheat loosed themselves from the world, they will be released into His barn.

"The pure truth which sanctifies the soul will give you courage to **cut yourself loose from** the most pleasing **acquaintance** whom you know does not love and fear God, and knows nothing of the principles of true righteousness." AH 47.4

“if those who have an abundance do not hear His voice, **cut loose from the world**, and sacrifice for God, He will pass them by and will call for those who are willing to do anything for Jesus, even to **sell their homes** to meet the wants of the cause.” RH Sept 16, 1884

“I begged of the angel to pity and to save those who loved this world, who were **attached to their possessions**, and were not willing to **cut loose from them**, and sacrifice to speed the messengers on their way to feed the hungry sheep who were perishing for want of spiritual food.” Christian Experience and Teachings p. 106.1

“I was shown that it is the will of God that the saints should **cut loose from every encumbrance** before the time of trouble comes, and make a covenant with God through sacrifice. If they have **their property** on the altar and earnestly inquire of God for duty, He will teach them when **to dispose of these things**.” EW p. 56.3

“Especially should the minister keep himself from every worldly entanglement, and **bind himself to the Source of all power**, that he may represent correctly what it means to be a Christian. He should **cut loose from everything that would in any way divert his mind from God** and the great work for this time.” 5T 531

“The pruning will cause pain, but it is the Father who applies the knife. He works with no wanton hand or indifferent heart. There are branches trailing upon the ground; these must be **cut loose from the earthly supports** to which their tendrils are fastening. They are to reach heavenward, and **find their support in God**.” DA p. 676.6 **Loosed from the earth; bound to God.**

“Many seem to think that the religion of Christ does not call for the abandonment of daily sins, the **breaking loose from habits** which have held the soul in bondage. They renounce some things condemned by the conscience, but they fail to represent Christ in the daily life. They do not **bring Christlikeness** into the home.” 3BC 1157.3 **Loosen habits that bind us; bind Christlikeness to our life.**

“I thought of this man, poor as far as worldly possessions are concerned, but with moral courage to **cut loose from smoking and tea drinking**, the habits of his boyhood. He did not plead for a little indulgence in wrongdoing. No; he decided that tobacco and tea were injurious, and that his influence must be on the right side.” Temperance 119.2

“Do you have **to cut loose from friends and relatives** in deciding to obey the elevated truths of God's word? Take courage, God has made provision for you, His arms are open to receive you. **Come out from among them** and be separate, and touch not the unclean, and He will receive you.” 1T 510.2
Loose from the ties that bind; bind ourselves to our Father's open arms.

She [Ellen's mother] answered: “The Bible gives us no proof that there is **an eternally burning hell**. If there is such a place, it should be mentioned in the Sacred Book.” 1T 39.4

“Why, mother!” cried I, in astonishment, “this is strange talk for you! If you believe this strange theory, do not let any one know of it; for I fear that **sinners would gather security** from this belief, **and never desire to seek the Lord**.” 1T 39.5

“If this is sound Bible truth,” she replied, “instead of preventing the salvation of sinners, it will be the means of winning them to Christ. **If the love of God** will not **induce the rebel to yield**, the **terrors of an eternal hell** will not **drive him to repentance**.” 1T 39.6

Love binds our hearts to God; Fear of burning loosens our attraction to Him.

Romans 8:38-39

I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, ³⁹ Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

But, love of the world, preoccupation with people or possessions, and a belief in God's "badness" will. It is the "goodness" of God that leads us to repentance, and reconciles us back to our Father's heart.