



# KEYS TO THE KINGDOM – 4

## “SLAVE OF THE DARK EMPIRE”

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### SIN ORIGINATED FROM LUCIFER, THE ARCHANGEL, WHO WANTED TO RULE LIKE GOD IN HIS KINGDOM, IN OPPOSITION TO GOD’S PLAN FOR HIM.

**Ezek. 28:14-17** “You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you.” (NKJV)

**Isa. 14:12-15** “How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God.’” (NKJV)

**Rev. 12:4,7-9** His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. (NKJV)

### ADAM AND EVE CHOSE TO BELIEVE THE LIES OF SATAN INSTEAD OF BELIEVING GOD’S WORD.

**Gen. 3:1-7** “You won’t die!” the serpent hissed. “God knows that your eyes will be opened when you eat it. You will become just like God, knowing everything, both good and evil.” The woman was convinced. The fruit looked so fresh and delicious, and it would make her so wise! So she ate some of the fruit. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her. Then he ate it, too. (NLT)

**John 16:9** “He will prove to them that sin is not believing in me.” (NCV)

### BECAUSE OF ADAM’S SIN, ALL HUMAN BEINGS ARE BORN SLAVES OF SIN.

**Eph. 2:1** In the past you were spiritually dead because of your sins and the things you did against God. (NCV)

#### 1. We are sinners by inheritance.

**Rom. 5:19** For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners. (NKJV)

#### 2. We are sinners by birth.

**Psalms 51:5** For I was born a sinner – yes, from the moment my mother conceived me. (NLT)

#### 3. We are sinners by nature.

**Rom. 7:18** And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can’t. (NLT)

#### 4. We are sinners by bondage.

**John 8:34** Jesus replied, “I assure you that everyone who sins is a slave of sin.” (NLT)

### THE BIBLE’S DEFINITION OF SIN GOES BEYOND MISBEHAVIOR OR VIOLATION OF LAW.

#### 1. SIN IS POSITIONAL - Opposition to God.

**1 John 3:4** Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. (NRSV)

**Rom. 8:7** For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God’s laws, and it never will. (NLT)

#### 2. SIN IS MENTAL - Wrong Thoughts and Attitude.

**Matt. 5:21-22** “You have heard that the law of Moses says, ‘Do not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment.’ But I say, if you are angry with someone, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the high council. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell.” (NLT)

**Matt. 5:28** “But I say, anyone who even looks at a woman with lust in his eye has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” (NLT)

#### 3. SIN IS RELATIONAL - Failing to Love.

**Matt. 22:37-40** Jesus replied, “‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the other commandments and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.” (NLT)

#### 4. SIN IS INDIVISIBLE - Imperfect Obedience Is Disobedience.

**James 2:10** And the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as the person who has broken all of God’s laws. (NLT)

#### 5. SIN IS POWERFUL - Humanly Impossible to Change or Control.

**Jer. 13:23** Can an Ethiopian change the color of his skin? Can a leopard take away its spots? Neither can you start doing good, for you always do evil. (NLT)

**Rom. 7:21-24** It seems to be a fact of life that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. I love God’s law with all my heart. But there is another law at work within me that is at war with my mind. This law wins the fight and makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin? (NLT)



### Key-4: REALIZE MY NATURAL SELF.

### SATAN RULES THE WORLD BY KEEPING MAN IGNORANT OF THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD AND HIS DESTINY FOR MAN.

**2 Cor. 4:4** The devil who rules this world has blinded the minds of those who do not believe. They cannot see the light of the Good News—the Good News about the glory of Christ, who is exactly like God. (NCV)

### JESUS, THE MESSIAH, CAME TO SET US FREE BY REVEALING THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD AND OUR NATURE.

**John 8:32** “Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (NLT)

**John 14:6** Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life.” (NLT)

**John 8:36** “So if the Son sets you free, you will indeed be free.” (NLT)

**1 Tim. 2:5,6** For there is only one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and People. He is the man Christ Jesus. He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone. This is the message that God gave to the world at the proper time. (NLT)