

The *Real* Key to Heaven!

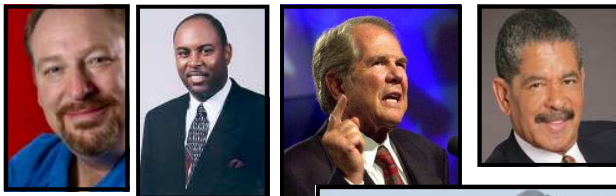
Keith Butler wrote an article called “**The Key to Heaven.**” He says, “The **name** of Jesus is the key that unlocks the door of heaven.” He believes that if you “...love (God) and keep His commandments...” just “ask” what you will, and it’s all yours. Is this true?

Every man ought to question. “...**let God be true, but every man a liar...**” (Romans 3:4).

Joel Osteen starts each service with his signature line “This is my Bible: **I am** what it says **I am**; **I have** what it says **I have**; **I can do** what it says **I can do.**” **Lucifer** spoke in a similar fashion using the letter “**I**” for **SELF** (Read Isaiah 14:12-13).

Don’t you agree that if we receive the witness of men and women, preachers and popes, then the witness of God should be greater?? If we believe that “*the words of the Lord are pure words...*” (Psalm 12:6), then let it be **our** final authority.

If, *by faith*, you repented and asked God to **save** you, then, *by faith*, ask God to **TEACH** you His Word, and He will. All believers who are born again are **SEALED** with that Holy Spirit of promise (Eph. 1:13) unto the Day of Redemption (Eph 4:30). We are taught, not in the words which man’s wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Ghost teaches; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.



The **KEY** to heaven is a contrite heart.

*“The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them **out of all their troubles.** The Lord is nigh unto them that are of **a broken heart**; and saveth such as be of **a contrite spirit.** Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him **out of them all**” (Psalm 34-17-19).*

We all are spiritual beings, made in the image of the Spirit of God, but incased in a body of flesh. God said “...*a new heart...will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you*” (Ezekiel 36:26). When we repent, He keeps his word.

*“For whosoever **exalteth** himself shall be abased; and he that **humbleth** himself shall be exalted” (Luke 14:11).*

So, while men build bigger cathedrals, God’s word thunders out: “...*The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? ...For all those things hath mine hand made ... but to this man will I look, even to him that is **poor** and of a **contrite spirit**, and trembleth at **my word**” (Isaiah 66:1,2).*

Before you die, please pray to God in your own words similar to these, written in the word of God: “*And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, **God be merciful to me a sinner**” (Luke 18:13).*