



Matt. 18:18-20 BINDING AND LOOSING (see also Matt. 16:19)

(written in red) *“Truly I say to you, **whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.** “Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that **they** may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. “For where two or three have gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst.”* Yeshua is speaking here to people who have the authority in the Messianic communal life. (read closely the three preceding verses). He says that “THEY” and all future leaders have the right to establish the way of walking as per the biblical laws and statutes of the Torah. “Bind and loose” were first century terms for “prohibit (stop) and permit”. Yeshua is saying that when an issue is brought forward to the Church leaders and they render a judgment (verdict), here on earth, they can be assured that Yahveh in heaven, stands behind them. There is similar reference to binding on earth and Heaven found in **1Kgs. 8:30-32** *“And listen to the supplication of Thy servant and of Thy people Israel, when they pray toward this place; hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling place; hear and forgive. “If a man sins against his neighbor and is made to take an oath, and he comes {and} takes an oath before Thine altar in this house, then hear Thou in heaven and act and judge Thy servants, condemning the wicked by bringing his way on his own head and justifying the righteous by giving him according to his righteousness.”*

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