

Jubilee Freedom

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Beloved,

The Lord owns time and when we gave our hearts to Him we stepped out of time and into eternity, into His eternal purposes, into His perfect timing. God is a God of order and He asked the Israelites to follow His ordained times and seasons so that they would be blessed and be a blessing to the world. If they had obeyed God totally, what an awesome supernatural existence they would have lived! If the ‘Law’ had been observed, the Jewish nation would have been the most prosperous and perfect that ever existed.

We have now been given that gift through Jesus!

We should be living it!

So what is the Jubilee all about?

Leviticus 25:8-13

³ Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather its fruit; ⁴ but in the seventh year there shall be a Sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a Sabbath to the Lord. You shall neither sow your field nor prune your vineyard. ⁵ What grows of its own accord of your harvest you shall not reap, nor gather the grapes of your untended vine, for it is a year of rest for the land. ⁶ And the Sabbath produce of the land shall be food for you: for you, your male and female servants, your hired man, and the stranger who dwells with you,⁷ for your livestock and the beasts that are in your land—all its produce shall be for food. ⁸ And you shall count seven Sabbaths of years for yourself, seven times seven years; and the time of the seven Sabbaths of years shall be to you forty-nine years. ⁹ Then you shall cause the trumpet of the Jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement you shall make the trumpet to sound throughout all your land. ¹⁰ And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee for you; and each of you shall return to his possession, and each of you shall return to his family. ¹¹ That fiftieth year shall be a Jubilee to you; in it you shall neither sow nor reap what grows of its own accord, nor gather the grapes of your untended vine. ¹² For it is the Jubilee; it shall be holy to you; you shall eat its produce from the field. ¹³ In this Year of Jubilee, each of you shall return to his possession.

The Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, marking the half century and it followed the seventh sabbatical year. It was announced by the blowing of trumpets on the Day of Atonement and for two years in succession the land lay fallow – so the 49th and 50th years.

Rest for the land

There was rest for the land, like the Sabbath rest, it was a gift from God. Letting the land rest was to let the poor have something to eat according to Exodus 23. On the Jubilee the land had to rest, Leviticus 25:24 in the Amplified Bible says: '*And in all the country you possess you shall grant a redemption for the land [in the Year of Jubilee]*'.

God also promised the Israelites they would live in the land safely and have plenty to eat. That there would be a blessing that followed the Sabbath and Jubilee rest of the land, a promise of treble fertility in the sixth year, the fruit of which was to be eaten till the harvest sown in the eighth year was reaped in the ninth. (Leviticus 25:20-22). Although they couldn't work the land, they could fish and hunt, take care of their bees and flocks, repair their buildings and furniture, and manufacture their clothing. The land itself actually became holy unto God '*but the field, when it is released in the Jubilee, shall be holy to the LORD, as a devoted field;*' Leviticus 27:21 New Living Translation

The significance of the Sabbatical and Jubilee year is not just about the rest of the land and rejuvenation of the soil. It is to remind us that God is our Eternal Creator. It took faith for Israelites not to farm on the Sabbatical and Jubilee years. It takes faith for us to trust Him God for all our provision. We 'man' do not own land or property indefinitely, we own nothing (that's nothing) by inherent right, but as a gift from God who owns the whole world.

Redemption of people

Additionally Jubilee abolished poverty, preventing large and permanent accumulations of wealth. It gave unfortunate families an opportunity to begin over again with a fair start in life, particularly favouring the poor, but without injustice to the rich. It abolished slavery and it greatly mitigated it, while it existed.

People were redeemed and returned to their families, including slaves. '*If one of your brothers becomes indigent [lacking food] and has to sell himself to you, don't make him work as a slave. Treat him as a hired hand or a guest among you. He will work for you until the Jubilee, after which he and his children are set free to go back to his clan and his ancestral land. Because the People of Israel are*

my servants whom I brought out of Egypt, they must never be sold as slaves. Don't tyrannize them; fear your God.' Leviticus 25:39-43 The Message

Jesus our beautiful Messiah came to redeem us!

Isaiah 61:1 says ¹ "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ² To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, ³ To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified." ⁴ And they shall rebuild the old ruins, They shall raise up the former desolations, And they shall repair the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations. ⁵ Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, And the sons of the foreigner Shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. ⁶ But you shall be named the priests of the Lord, They shall call you the servants of our God. You shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, And in their glory you shall boast. ⁷ Instead of your shame you shall have double honor, And instead of confusion they shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess double; Everlasting joy shall be theirs.

In Luke 4:16-21 Jesus used part of this same passage to give a "Jubilee" message:

So He (Jesus) came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed. To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.' Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, 'Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.'

This passage compares the Millennium, with the Sabbatical or Jubilee years. Although we have been redeemed, it's ultimate fulfilment is awaiting the coming of the Messianic age, although here Jesus boldly claims to be the promised Messiah. Later in Luke he highlights that the same ministry Jesus had has been passed on to his disciples and ultimately to us!

Wow.....God has redeemed us and entrusted us with His good news! We have to preach, heal, deliver, comfort, rebuild and serve. This is the ministry of the church – God using us in the power of Holy Spirit!

John G Lake made this powerful statement about Luke 4

Jesus proclaims His platform. Returning to Nazareth he boldly declares: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me 1) He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; 2) He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted; 3) to proclaim liberty to the captive; 4) recovering of sight to the blind; 5) to set at liberty them that are bruised; 6) to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

No more waiting for the release of the year of Jubilee. Jesus Christ the eternal Jubilee was at hand to save and heal.

Jesus ministry of healing and marvellous faith in God he exhibited in miracle working form were no accident. Miracles must be His breath, for 800 years before His birth the prophet Isaiah proclaimed: "He will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing" (Isaiah 35:4-6).

So the Saviour of the world must be forever the miracle worker of the ages; the death destroyer; the finality of the revelation of the majesty, power and mercy of God.

Jesus! The very name was a miracle. The Angel announced it.

Jesus birth was a miracle.

His wisdom was a miracle.

His life was a miracle.

His teachings were miraculous.

He lived and walked in the realm of the miraculous.

He made miracles common.

His death was a miracle.

His resurrection was a miracle.

His appearances after death were miraculous.

His ascension was a staggering miracle.

His pouring out of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost was the outstanding miracle. It was the one event in which His whole Saviourhood climaxed. Out of heaven was given to his followers the Spirit of the Eternal, to do in them all It had done in Him. Sin, sickness and death were doomed. He came as a roaring tempest, as tongues of fire crowning 'the 120' as the living Eternal Spirit entering into them. He proclaimed His triumphant entry into man through speaking in languages they knew not. His deity had lifted them to His realm, transfigured, transformed, transmuted.

What Jesus did for us on the cross is astounding! '*Christ purchased our freedom [redeeming us] from the curse (doom) of the Law [and its condemnation] by [Himself] becoming a curse for us, for it is written [in the Scriptures], Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree (is crucified);*' Galatians 3:13 Amplified. Every step He took was orchestrated as King of kings and Lord of lords to overcome the enemy. Because of what Jesus accomplished we have total freedom! Jesus gave His life to purchase freedom for the whole world! The significance of this is overwhelming, we can take governmental authority, we can decree a thing and it will be established (Job 22:28), we can be free, we can be overcomers! HalleluYah!!!

God is restoring all things back to Himself. In Romans 8:21 even the land is to be free, the whole of creation is groaning waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God – that's us!!!!!!

- ❖ We don't need to celebrate a Jubilee Year or Day anymore; it is the Jubilee with Him, so we can celebrate every day!
- ❖ Our Messiah is Jubilee!
- ❖ He is our Jubilee!
- ❖ He is our atonement!
- ❖ He is rebuilding and restoring!
- ❖ He is our true freedom and liberty!
- ❖ He declares freedom over everyone!
- ❖ Jesus finished it all!!

Lord I declare freedom over our nation!

Freedom for the unsaved people of our nation!

Freedom for the land from the curse!

Freedom over God's people, from the grip of the world, from sickness and disease, from poverty and lack, from any kind of bondage, from any schemes of the enemy, freedom to be who God has made them to be!!

I pray you will drop anything that you need to let go of, maybe unforgiveness, worldly things, sin, anything which entangles you – just release them, let things go or let go of things – drop them. God wants you to step into your freedom - physically, mentally, in your heart, spiritually - whatever God shows you – just step into that freedom.

Jesus our rest, redemption, restoration!!!

TOTAL FREEDOM!

With love in HIM...

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