

## #10 The Jubilee (1)

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### I . The year of jubilee in Leviticus 25:8-17 is recorded as a prophecy in Isaiah 61:1-3 and is fulfilled in reality in Luke 4:16-22:

Isa. 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord Jehovah is upon Me, Because Jehovah has anointed Me To bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent Me to bind up the wounds of the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the eyes to those who are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of Jehovah And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn;...

A) In the year of jubilee there were two main blessings: the returning of every man to his lost possession and the liberation from slavery.

① In the year of jubilee everyone who had sold his possession, his allotted portion of the good land, was returned to it without paying anything to redeem it, and everyone who had sold himself into slavery regained his freedom and returned to his family.

Lev. 25:10 And you shall sanctify the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout 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.

② Returning to one's possession and being freed and returning to one's family signify that in the New Testament jubilee the believers have returned to God as their lost divine possession, have been released from all bondage, and have returned to the church as their divine family. [Mon]

B) In the Old Testament type the jubilee lasted for one year, but in the fulfillment it refers to the entire New Testament age, the age of grace, as the time when God accepts the returned captives of sin and when those oppressed under the bondage of sin enjoy the release of God's salvation. Lev. 25:11 The fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you; you shall not sow nor reap its aftergrowth nor gather from its

unpruned vines.

Isa. 49:8 ...In an acceptable time I have answered You, And in a day of salvation I have helped You; And I will preserve You and give You for a covenant of the people, To restore the land, to apportion the desolate inheritances,

C) The believers' enjoyment of the jubilee in the age of grace (their enjoyment of Christ as God's grace to them) will issue in the full enjoyment of the jubilee in the millennium and in the fullest enjoyment in the New Jerusalem in the new heaven and new earth. [Tue]

### II . The year of jubilee is the age of Christ as grace dispensed into us for our enjoyment by His words of grace; the New Testament jubilee is an age of ecstasy for our salvation:

Lev. 25:12 For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy to you...13 In this year of jubilee each one of you shall return to his possession.

A) The New Testament age is an age of ecstasy, and a Christian is a person in ecstasy; if we have never been in ecstasy before God, this shows that we do not have a sufficient enjoyment of God.

Psa. 100:1 Make a joyful noise to Jehovah, all the earth. 2 Serve Jehovah with rejoicing; Come before His presence with joyful singing. [Wed]

B) Jubilee means having no worry or anxiety, no concern or care, no lack or shortage, no sickness or calamity, and no problems whatsoever but, rather, having all benefits; hence, all things are pleasant and satisfying to our heart, and we are free from anxiety, at ease, excited, and exultant.

C) We must receive the Lord Jesus as the real jubilee in us; if we have Him, we have God as our possession and can be delivered from the bondage of sin and Satan to have real freedom and rest:

Acts 26:18 To open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light and from the authority of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.

① When we receive Christ as our Savior

and life, He comes into us to be our jubilee, but unless we allow Him to live in us and unless we live by Him, we are not practically living in the jubilee.

[2 Cor. 6:2](#) For He says, "In an acceptable time I listened to you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." Behold, now is the well-acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

② If our heart is set on any person, thing, or matter other than the Lord, this is idolatry, and the end is wretchedness.

③ If we allow Christ to live in us and we live by Him, everything is to our satisfaction; otherwise, everything is a problem, and nothing is a jubilee.

D) Everything can be satisfying to us only after we have gained the all-inclusive Christ as our enjoyment; it is not outward persons, matters, or things but Christ within us who enables us to be calm and free of worries as we face all kinds of situations. (Thu)

### III. The proclamation of the jubilee in Luke 4 governs the central thought of the whole Gospel of Luke, and the parable of the prodigal son in Luke 15 is an excellent illustration of the jubilee:

A) The prodigal son left his father's house, selling his possession and himself:

① The content of a vessel is its possession, and man is a vessel of God; hence, if man does not have God as his possession and enjoyment, he is empty and poor

[Rom. 9:23](#) In order that He might make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He had before prepared unto glory,

[Psa. 16:5](#) Jehovah is the portion of my inheritance and of my cup; You maintain my lot.

② Adam lost his portion of the enjoyment of God when he did not take the tree of life; all the unbelieving people of the world have lost God as their possession and enjoyment and have sold their members to sin in order to become slaves of sin.

③ Human life is nothing but labor and

sorrow and will soon be gone; the true condition of human life is vanity of vanities, emptiness of emptinesses—a chasing after wind.

④ Fallen people have no real dwelling place; they are drifting about and wandering without a home, because God is man's real dwelling place.

B) One day the prodigal son returned to his possession and his father's house; that was a jubilee, a liberation, and everything became pleasant and satisfying.

① In redemption God is our possession for our enjoyment; to be saved is to return to our inheritance, to return to God, to come back to God and enjoy Him anew as our possession.

[Eph. 1:13](#) In whom you also, having heard the word of the truth, the gospel of your salvation, in Him also believing, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of the promise, [14](#) Who is the pledge of our inheritance unto the redemption of the acquired possession, to the praise of His glory.

② To be saved is to gain God; when we have God, we have everything; without God, we have nothing.

③ God has become our blessed portion in Christ, but many Christians are unhappy and are like lights that do not shine, because they do not "turn on the switch" by taking God as their portion.

C) The father's acceptance of the son and the son's returning to his father and his father's house were the year of jubilee to the son, the year of grace.

① God in Christ has become the fattened calf for the enjoyment of the repentant and returned prodigal sons.

② This corresponds to Leviticus 25:11-12, which says that the people were neither to sow nor reap in the year of the jubilee but only to eat and enjoy; once we repent and return to God by receiving the Lord Jesus, we obtain God within, and this is the beginning of our jubilee.

③ We are not the Father's hired servants but His enjoying sons, and we can continually enjoy God as our possession from now unto eternity. (Fri & Sat)

Experience①: Those released after listening to the gospel of Jubilee should preach the gospel of Jubilee to their friends

Ephesians 2:12 says that people living in the world today have no hope and are without God. Whether rich or poor, noble or base, civilized or barbaric, everyone is the same; all have no hope and are without God. Not only so, people today have fallen to such an extent that they have sold themselves to sin and Satan.

The basic problem is that man has sold himself and lost God; thus, he has completely lost his freedom and his own possession and has become a slave. Paul says in **Romans 7:14**, “**But I am fleshy, sold under sin.**” Not only the unbelievers but even many who are believers are still not wholly delivered from the slavery under Pharaoh.

In the year of jubilee there are two main blessings: the returning of every man to his lost possession and the liberation from slavery. If we want to be truly free and able to enjoy God as our possession, we must receive the Lord Jesus as the real jubilee in us. If we have Him, our possession is recovered and our freedom is returned to us. The Lord Jesus has released us so that we may have God as our possession and be delivered from the bondage of sin and Satan in order that we may have real freedom.

Every one of us who has experienced the grace of the Lord can testify that before we were saved, we had no freedom and no control over ourselves. Now that we have been saved, the Lord has released us from within so that we are no longer slaves. Not only so, we have been brought back to God as our possession. The Lord Jesus said in **Matthew 11:28**, “**Come to Me all who toil and are burdened, and I will give you rest.**” We are no longer those who toil and are burdened; we are those who have freedom and enjoy rest. Furthermore, we are no longer poor; instead, we have God as our inheritance. This is the meaning of the year of jubilee.

For Junior & Senior High School / College Students

OL: In the Old Testament type the jubilee lasted for one year, but in the fulfillment it refers to the entire New Testament age, the age of grace, as the time when God accepts the returned captives of sin and when those oppressed under the bondage of sin enjoy the release of God’s salvation.

**Luke 4:18** “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to announce the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to send away in release those who are oppressed, **19** To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, the year of jubilee.”

FN “the poor”: Poor in heavenly, spiritual, and

divine things.

FN “the captives”: Prisoners of war, exiles and prisoners under Satan’s bondage.

FN “recovery of sight”: Recovery of sight is related to being released from the power of Satan.

FN “those who are oppressed”: From a verb meaning to break in pieces. Here it denotes being oppressed under Satan in sickness or in sin

From the revelation of liberation of jubilee in Leviticus, you should realize that whether rich or poor, noble or base, all are suffering under the bondage and oppression of Satan.

In the New Testament age, the Lord announced the year of jubilee. Hallelujah! Thank the Lord! As a believer in the New Testament age, you are liberated from slavery of Satan and able to enjoy the life of jubilee as your portion. In the real school life, when there are jealousy, competition, impatience, explosion of anger, pride, inferiority coming out from inside, call upon the name of the Lord, you will be free from these bondages and you can experience to enjoy the Lord much more abundantly. Amen!

Except Christian, there is no one who can be released from the bondage. It is you who can be released from the bondage of Satan. In Japan, including Catholic (0.4%), the Christian population is only seven out of a thousand people. Please Love the Japanese, have the testimony of rejoicing life of jubilee and have the ambition to preach the gospel to them. You should not think that “I am saved. It is their problem whether the classmates will be saved. It is nothing to do with myself.”

The characteristics of the Gentiles are bondage, anguish, poverty, darkness and slavery. You should not judge their condition only on the outside. Whether they are from wealthy families or descendants of famous families, everyone needs to be saved by listening to the news of the gospel of Jubilee. First of all, please pray as follows, “Oh! Lord Jesus, I live a rejoicing life of jubilee for myself and my classmates. Even though there are difficulties, failures, I confess my sins and go back to the life of jubilee.

Please have mercy on my friends. I do not want to see them suffering under Satan’s bondage and eventually die in the lake of fire. I pray for them. Please give me the opportunity to preach the gospel to them. Lord, please save them!”

Experience②: When you turn your heart to Christ within and not to the outward persons, matters and things and let Christ live, you can have a rejoicing life of jubilee.

The Chinese word for jubilee means “everything being to one’s satisfaction.” When everything is to

our satisfaction, we are in the jubilee. Jubilee means having no worry or anxiety, no concern or care, no lack or shortage, no sickness or calamity, and no problems whatsoever but, rather, having all benefits; hence, everything is to our satisfaction. How is it possible today for a person to have everything to his satisfaction? Every day not everything in our human life is to the satisfaction of our heart's desire. Perhaps things are satisfactory today, but tomorrow they may not be. Therefore, our human life is not always satisfying, and our environment is not always gratifying.

Everything can be satisfying to us only after we have gained the all-inclusive Christ as our enjoyment. In Philippians 4 Paul indicates that he knew Christ and experienced Him to such an extent that everything was to his satisfaction. He says, "I have learned, in whatever circumstances I am, to be content. I know also how to be abased, and I know how to abound; in everything and in all things I have learned the secret both to be filled and to hunger, both to abound and to lack. I am able to do all things in Him who empowers me" (vv. 11b-13). It is not outward persons, matters, or things but Christ within who enables us to be calm and free of worries as we face all kinds of situations.

According to the dispensation, Christ has already come, so the age of jubilee is here, but we do not have the jubilee in us unless we have allowed the Lord Jesus to come into us. Thus, according to experience, Christ must come into us to be our jubilee. Not only so, even if we have believed into Christ and have allowed Him to come into us, unless we allow Him to live in us and unless we live by Him, we are not practically living in the jubilee. If we live by Christ in a certain matter and allow Him to live in us, we enjoy jubilee in that matter. In this way everything pertaining to that particular matter is to our satisfaction.

For Young working saints/graduate students

(Although graduate students are student, but according to the nature of the graduate school, they are considered half working young people.)

OL: If our heart is set on any person, thing, or matter other than the Lord, this is idolatry, and the end is wretchedness. If we allow Christ to live in us and we live by Him, everything is to our satisfaction; otherwise, everything is a problem, and nothing is a jubilee.

If your heart is set on the rivalry and promotion among your colleagues in the company, immediately you are outside of jubilee and become the idol worshipper.

I John 5:21 Little children, guard yourselves from idols. FN[idols]: The idols here refer to anything that replaces the real God. As genuine children of

the genuine God, we should be on the alert to guard ourselves from these heretical substitutes and from all vain replacements for our genuine and real God, with whom we are organically one and who is eternal life to us. This is the aged apostle's word of warning to all his little children as a conclusion to his Epistle.

I John 2:14...young men, because you are strong and the word of God abides in you and you have overcome the evil one. 15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him; 16 Because all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vainglory of life, is not of the Father but is of the world.

As a young business person, you need to let the Word of God dwell inside of you to overcome the idols, the lust of the flesh, the lust of eyes, and the vainglory of living. For the Word of God to dwell in you means that Christ lives in you practically. Without God's Word, you can not resist the temptation of the devil and will be forced to live a life that is filled with the suffering, being filled with rivalry and jealousy. Please pursue to experience and enjoy Christ in your business life. As a result, you'll have better performance and be likely to be promoted. But do not seek the promotion. Promotion is vanity but Christ is the reality. May your business life become the life of jubilee, the life of rejoicing as you pursue Christ.

Prayer: "Oh Lord Jesus. I want to have a life of Jubilee, a rejoicing life. But I admit that in me I have the world, the things in the world, that are the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and vainglory of living. I confess my sins of my living according to the lust and vainglory of life.

For me to overcome Satan, I need to let the Word of God dwell in me. Cleanse, cherish, nourish and strengthen me with Your Word. Amen.

Hymn 600

1.

My God, my Portion, and my Love, My everlasting All,  
I've none but Thee in heav'n above, Or on this earthly ball,  
What empty things are all the skies, And this inferior clod!  
There's nothing here deserves my joys,  
There's nothing like my God,

2.

To Thee I owe my wealth, and friends, And health, and safe abode;  
Thanks to Thy name for meaner things, But they are not my God,  
How vain a toy is glittering wealth, If once compared to Thee!  
Or what's my safety, or my health, Or all my friends to me,

3.

Were I possessor of the earth, And called the stars my own,  
Without Thy graces and Thyself, I were a wretch undone,  
Let others stretch their arms like seas, And grasp in all the shore;  
Grant me the visits of Thy grace, And I desire no more,