

Extraordinary A Jubilee Life

I. Introduction

- A. Leviticus 25:8-10 (NLT) ⁸*"In addition, you must count off seven Sabbath years, seven sets of seven years, adding up to forty-nine years in all. ⁹Then on the Day of Atonement in the fiftieth year, blow the ram's horn loud and long throughout the land. ¹⁰Set this year apart as holy, a time to proclaim freedom throughout the land for all who live there. It will be a jubilee year for you, when each of you may return to the land that belonged to your ancestors and return to your own clan."*

II. The Year of Jubilee

- A. All debts were cancelled.
- B. All prisoners were released.
- C. All land went back to its original owner.
1. Deuteronomy 15:4-5 (NLT) ⁴*"There should be no poor among you, for the LORD your God will greatly bless you in the land he is giving you as a special possession. ⁵You will receive this blessing if you are careful to obey all the commands of the LORD your God that I am giving you today."*
 2. Isaiah 61:1-2a (NAS) ¹*The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners; ²to proclaim the favorable year of the LORD.*
 3. Luke 4:18-19 (NAS) ¹⁸*"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, ¹⁹TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD."*
 4. Luke 4:21 (NAS) *"Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."*
 5. Jesus is "sacramentally present in the poor."
 6. Matthew 25:40 (NLT) *"I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!"*
 7. Acts 4:34-35 (NAS) ³⁴*For there was not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales ³⁵and lay them at the apostles' feet, and they would be distributed to each as any had need.*
 8. "We know of many among ourselves, who have delivered themselves into slavery in order to ransom others." (Clement)

9. Matthew 19:24 (NAS) *"Again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."*
10. Matthew 6:19-21 (NAS) ¹⁹*"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; ²¹for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*
11. Luke 4:18a, 19 (KJV) ¹⁸*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. ¹⁹To preach the acceptable year of the Lord."*
12. Luke 4:18-19 (NAS) ¹⁸*"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, ¹⁹TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD."*

III. Conclusion

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