

EXPERIENCING, ENJOYING, AND EXPRESSING CHRIST (1)

KEY STATEMENTS

Christ came to minister as a
Physician to heal, recover,
enliven, and save us
that we might be reconstituted to be His new and heavenly
citizens, with whom He could establish His heavenly
kingdom
on this corrupted earth.

We need to know, experience, and testify
that the kingdom of God is the power to subdue
rebellion and is the transfiguration of the Lord
Jesus.

Christ as the Word of God speaks
for God through His becoming
the ladder
that brings heaven (God) to earth
(man) and joins earth (man) to
heaven (God) as one for
God's building.

Even as the Divine Trinity is the
framework of the entire New
Testament,
so the Divine Trinity is the structure of the book of
Acts; chapter after chapter of Acts
unveils the operation of the Divine Trinity
for the carrying out of God's New Testament economy.

HWMR: EXPERIENCING, ENJOYING, AND EXPRESSING CHRIST (Week 5)

Scripture Reading: Reading: Lev. 25:8-17; Isa. 61:1-3; Luke 4:16-22; Acts 26:16-19

Enjoying Christ as the Reality of the New Testament Jubilee

- Leviticus 25:8** And you shall count off seven Sabbaths of years to yourself, seven times seven years, so that you have the time of seven Sabbaths of years, that is, forty-nine years.
- Leviticus 25:9** Then you shall sound aloud the ram's horn in the seventh month on the tenth day of the month; on the Day of Expiation you shall sound the trumpet throughout all your land.
- Leviticus 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.
- Leviticus 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.
- Leviticus 25:12** For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy to you. You shall eat its produce out of the field.
- Leviticus 25:13** In this year of jubilee each one of you shall return to his possession.
- Leviticus 25:14** And if you sell anything to your fellow countryman or buy from the hand of your fellow countryman, you shall not wrong one another.
- Leviticus 25:15** According to the number of years after the jubilee you shall buy from your fellow countryman; according to the number of crop years remaining he shall sell to you.
- Leviticus 25:16** According to the extent of the years you shall increase its price, and according to the fewness of the years you shall diminish its price; for it is the number of crop years that he sells to you.
- Leviticus 25:17** And you shall not wrong one another, but you shall fear your God; for I am Jehovah your God.
- Leviticus 25:18** Thus you shall observe My statutes, and you shall keep My ordinances and observe them, so that you dwell securely in the land.
- Isaiah 16:1** Send a lamb of tribute / To the ruler of the land, / From Sela across the wilderness / To the mountain of the daughter of Zion.
- Isaiah 16:2** Like wandering birds, / Like a scattered nest, / Will the daughters of Moab be / At the fords of the Arnon.
- Isaiah 16:3** Give us counsel, / Make a judgment concerning us. / Make your shadow at high noon / Like night to us. / Hide the outcasts; / Do not expose him who wanders.
- Luke 4:16** And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up, and according to His custom He entered on the Sabbath day into the synagogue and stood up to read.
- Luke 4:17** And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,
- 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,
- Luke 4:19** To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, the year of jubilee."
- Luke 4:20** And when He rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant, He sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him.
- Luke 4:21** And He began to say to them, Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.
- Luke 4:22** And all bore witness to Him and marveled at the words of grace proceeding out of His mouth, and they said, Is not this Joseph's son?
- Acts 26:16** But rise up and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a minister and a witness both of the things in which you have seen Me and of the things in which I will appear to you;
- Acts 26:17** Delivering you from the people and from the Gentiles, to whom I send you,
- 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.
- Acts 26:19** Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,

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Leviticus 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.

Leviticus 25:13 - In this year of jubilee each one of you shall return to his possession.

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:

- In the year of jubilee there are two main blessings:
 - the **returning** of every man to his lost possession
 - 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.
- 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.
- **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**.
 - We are no longer poor; instead, we have **God as our inheritance**.

(The Jubilee, chapter 1)

- **Isaiah 49:8** says, “Thus says Jehovah, / 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.”
 - The year of jubilee is a year of **acceptance**. The year of jubilee is here. We are in the jubilee.

✚ 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

(The Ministry of the Word, Vol. 28, No. 7, chapter 5)

Day 2

Luke 4:18-19 - “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, To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, the year of jubilee.”

Luke 4:21 - And He began to say to them, Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.

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—Luke 4:22; Psa. 45:2; John 1:14-17; 2 Cor. 6:2:

❖ Everything Being to Our Satisfaction

- **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.
- 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** who **enables** us to be calm and free of worries as we face all kinds of situations.
- 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.
- **If we allow** Christ to live in us and if we live by Him, everything is to our **satisfaction**.

(The Jubilee, chapter 1)

- **Psalm 103:1-2**, “Bless Jehovah, O my soul; / And all that is within me, bless His holy name. / Bless Jehovah, O my soul; / And do not forget all His **benefits**.”
 - When we have the **words of grace**, we can be in the **jubilee** anywhere and have a lot of **benefits**.
 - When we **join ourselves** to the Word and say Amen to the words of grace, the **jubilee is automatically applied**.
- 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.

(The Ministry of the Word, chapter 5)

✚ 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

Day 3

Luke 15:20 - And he rose up and came to his own father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion, and he ran and fell on his neck and kissed him affectionately.

Luke 15:23 - And bring the fattened calf; slaughter it, and let us eat and be merry,

III. The proclamation of the jubilee in Luke 4 governs the central thought of the whole Gospel of Luke, and the parables of the good Samaritan in Luke 10 and the prodigal son in Luke 15 are excellent illustrations of the jubilee:

❖ The Jubilee as Illustrated by the Parable of the Prodigal Son

- As those who went away both from the Father and from His house, we certainly **went away** from our inheritance.
- It was necessary for us **to be returned** to the Father and to His household.
- The **fattened calf** signifies the **rich Christ as our inheritance**.
 - In the words of **Colossians 1:12**, this is Christ as the **portion** of the saints.

(Life-Study of Luke, chapter 66)

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

✚ There were some among us who became discouraged and left. We want to say to them, "Come home." But there are many who have never left. They are here, but they are not happy. We want them to come home, too. We want them to come to the Father to enjoy their inheritance. Do not slave away in the church life. We all need the jubilee!

(The Ministry of the Word, chapter 5)

Day 4

Luke 10:39 - And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at the Lord's feet and was listening to His word.

Isaiah 30:15 - For thus says the Lord Jehovah, the Holy One of Israel, / In returning and rest you will be saved; / In quietness and in trust will be your strength; / But you were not willing,

IV. We need to enjoy Christ as the reality of the freedoms and blessings of the New Testament jubilee—Luke 4:18-19:

❖ The Proper Attitude of Those Who are Being Worked On

- Mary had a **proper attitude**. There are at least four aspects to a proper attitude.
 - (1) She was **at the feet of the Lord Jesus**, and not at the feet of anyone else.
 - She was **drawing near** to the Lord. This is the shortest and quickest way to grow in life.
 - No method is better than **coming** to Him moment by moment, **loving** Him, **worshipping** Him, and **unceasingly fellowshiping** with Him and remaining in His presence.
 - (2) She **sat at the feet of the Lord**.
 - This means that she put herself in a **humble position**.
 - **Humility** is a crucial condition for **receiving** God's blessing.
 - Humility is not belittling ourselves; humility is **ignoring** ourselves, **negating** ourselves, and **considering ourselves as nothing**.
 - (3) She was **sitting down**.
 - **Quietness** is often the source of spiritual strength.
 - Of all the members in the body, the eyes are the busiest, and of all the faculties in the soul, the mind is the busiest.
 - If a man wants to have the Lord's image imprinted in him and to be transformed into the Lord's image, **quietness is a necessity**.
 - (4) She was **listening** to the Lord's word.
 - The **words** that the Lord speaks are **spirit and life**. Through this word, the Lord dispenses Himself to men.
 - Her listening to the Lord's word afforded the Lord the opportunity to **communicate Himself** to her so that she would gain the Lord and become like Him.

❖ **Enjoying God as the Possession of the Jubilee and Obtaining the Freedom of the Jubilee**

- Our **possession** is God, and our **freedom** comes from our enjoyment of God.
- When we **have our possession** and **enjoy our possession**, the result is that we have **freedom**.
- Freedom is to be **without** oppression or deficiency.
- Today He is our possession, and when we enjoy Him, we have freedom!

❖ **Man Having Real Freedom by Enjoying God as His Possession**

- Since we **sold** ourselves, we **lost** our freedom
- If man **does not** enjoy God, he **cannot** have real freedom.
- The biblical principle is that we must first be **returned** to God before we can have freedom.
- If we want to obtain freedom without being returned to God, the result is that we **do not** have **true freedom**.

✚ When the year of jubilee comes, we not only are returned to God as our possession, but we also obtain freedom and are released from the bondage of slavery.

(The Jubilee, chapter 3)

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Romans 7:24 - Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from the body of this death?

Romans 8:2 - For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death.

- There is a **sinning factor**, an addiction to sinning, within man. This factor, this addiction, is **Satan himself**, and man is his captive.
- First Satan **captured** us; then he came to dwell in us as the inciter, the instigator, of our sins.
- The result is that he has become our **illegal master**, and we have become his **captives** to the extent that we are unable to do good and can only commit sins.
- **All the descendants of Adam** are the captives of Satan; everyone has been captured by him.
- After he captured us, he entered into us as Beelzebul, the lord of flies, and began **leading us about to commit sins**.
- All these problems are due to the fact that man is **under bondage and has no freedom**.
- How we thank God for **Romans 8:2**, which says that in Christ the law of the Spirit of life **frees us** from the law of sin and of death!

❖ **Being Released and Having Real Freedom Only by Enjoying God as the Life-giving Spirit**

- The **blessings** of the gospel are the **return** to God and the **gaining** of God as our possession.
- Once we **enjoy** God as our possession, we are **free**.
- **John 8:36** says, “If therefore the Son sets you **free**, you shall be **free** indeed.”
 - The Son of God today is the **life-giving Spirit**.
 - This life-giving Spirit is the Spirit of life, who is in us as the **law of the Spirit of life**.
 - The law of the Spirit of life is just the **Lord Himself**, who passed through death

and resurrection to become the life-giving Spirit, the Spirit of life.

- We enjoy the freedom of the jubilee not only at the moment we believe in the Lord, but beginning from that day **we should enjoy this freedom** all our life and for eternity.
- This freedom comes from our **enjoyment of God**.

✚ The year of jubilee is for us to be returned to God as our possession and as our enjoyment so that we may become free and be released from all oppression. Thus, we are returned to God from the authority of Satan and are freed from the slavery of sin.

(*The Jubilee, chapter 3*)

Day 6

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.

Colossians 1:18 - And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;

❖ The Living of the Jubilee Being a Living of Fully Enjoying God

- The **living** of the jubilee is a life in which we **take God** instead of other things as our enjoyment and enjoy only God Himself in every situation.
- If our inward, **primary factor** is not right, our outward living will not be right.
 - This primary factor is nothing other than **God Himself**. We must let God Himself be the primary factor within us.
- A Christian's life of jubilee should be a life of **fully enjoying the Lord**, a life that is full of joy and praises.
- If our heart is set on **anything other than the Lord**, that thing, whether good or bad, becomes a **suffering** to us.
- All sufferings come from the persons, things, and **matters outside of the Lord**.
- When the Lord comes, **He is our salvation** to deliver us from sufferings.
- The living of the jubilee is a **living in the enjoyment of Christ**.

✚ To us, to live is Christ, and whether we live or die, He is magnified in us all the time. In this way we enjoy God and live the life of the jubilee. May the Lord have mercy upon us that we all may see this and learn to enjoy the Lord to such an extent.

(*The Jubilee, chapter 4*)