



And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout *all* the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.

Leviticus 25:10

How shall we hallow the year of Jubilee? I read that it is the 70th year of the Jubilee since Joshua led Israel into the promised land in 1406 BC. The 70th Jubilee Year anniversary will start on March 30 (Jewish lunar calendar) in 2025. This is after the



partial solar eclipse of the sun on March 29, 2025. This is the reminder of darkness that we witness around the world, but light is still shining to bring forth the truth of the gospel. The free gift *is* of many offences that has come forth for our justification through Jesus Christ. This is known as the gift of grace. [see Romans 5:12-16]. One can consider the double grace meaning in the following:

- Grace plus Faith equals Restoration
- Grace plus Jesus equals Redemption

Where should our focus be, but on the author and finisher of *our* faith.

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Hebrews 12:2

As Christians we should be free from physical, political, and spiritual oppression. Oppression is malicious treatment or control of another person or group of persons. Let us remember what the apostle Paul said to the Galatians.

“For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.”

Galatians 5:13

Our liberty is in Christ who saved us from the power of Satan. Paul told the Galatians that he had confidence that they were otherwise minded not to use their liberty in the wrong way. [see Galatians 5:10]. We are to sow seeds of kindness, help and mercy, for what we sow we will reap. We do this as the love of God grows within our own heart. Conflict is just around the corner, and we must pray that God will strengthen our hands to do good rather than the opposite. Like Nehemiah we have become afraid, and this has weakened the hands to work. Nehemiah said in Nehemiah 6:9, “Now therefore, *O God*, strengthen my hands.” Let us pray that our hands be strengthen by God this Jubilee year.

If you have suffered loss of possession such as home, land, objects, or money, the thief should pay back double according to Exodus chapter 22, verse 4. A double portion seems to be the rule, but more important is a heart of love and mercy. I found it



interesting that God followed this rule with Job in chapter 42, verse 10.

“And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job **twice as much as he had before.**”

Job 42:10

Let us remember that Job himself had to make it right with God by praying for his friends, who had a false witness against him. Repentance is what the Lord seeks of our heart. We cannot have liberty without repentance. Everyone must repent for this is the divine expectation of the Lord. Jesus paid the price for our sins. What you do is important to God, for you are his child. We just do not see how God desires us to be like him. How we are valuable, and that God desires a genuine fellowship that is not superficial. We need a deeper understanding of our relationship with God and with others.

How we treat each other can delay the blessings of God. Being critical and complaining about another person can be a form of slander. This is why there are divisions in families. It is hard to meet others' expectations. We need our eyes changed like Job and his friends. We need to see that person in the eyes of the Lord. Let go of the bitterness, anger, and hate of the individual who caused you pain. Allow God's grace to flow in your life and pray for those who are complaining about you. Paul warned the Corinthians about murmuring in 1st Corinthians chapter 10, verse 10 stating, “some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.”

Let us declare and proclaim this year our liberty we have in Christ and share it with others. Let us have love and mercy within our hearts to enable us to give our testimony. Allow God to use you as a vessel of honor and to strengthen our hands to do the work in spreading the Gospel around the world.

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