

## **Guidelines for the Exercise of the Lord's Day Prophesying**

### **Message Five : Enjoying Christ as the Reality of the New Testament Jubilee**

#### **I. Overview:**

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 were two main blessings: the returning of every man to his lost possession and the liberation from slavery. In the year of jubilee everyone was returned to it without paying anything to redeem it, and everyone regained his freedom and returned to his family. 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. Everything can be satisfying to us only after we have gained the all-inclusive Christ as our enjoyment. In the parable of the prodigal son, who returned to his possession and his father's house; that was a jubilee, a liberation. In order to enjoy Christ as the reality of the jubilee, we need to spend time with the Lord day by day to listen to His word, and we need to follow the pattern of Mary. Our possession is God, and our freedom comes from our enjoyment of God. If we do not enjoy the Lord sufficiently, we will still be in bondage to many things; making up our mind will not work; we must come to enjoy Him.

#### **II. Truth and Enlightenment:**

Day 1 —

A. Expound the year of jubilee being prophesied and fulfilled.

The year of jubilee is the acceptable year of the Lord prophesied in Isaiah 61:1-2 and fulfilled by the Lord's coming in Luke 4:16-22. 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.

B. Explain returning to one's possession and returning to one's family in the year of jubilee.

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.

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, have returned to the church as their divine family.

Day 2 —

A. Expound the jubilee being an age of ecstasy.

The jubilee is an age of ecstasy. The New Testament age is an age of ecstasy, and a Christian is a person in ecstasy. Over fifty years ago, Brother Nee said, "If, as a Christian, you have never reached the point of being beside yourself, you are not up to the standard." He added that we should be beside ourselves before God but soberminded before men.

B. Explain the Bible being far better than any theory or "ism."

What the Bible teaches is far better than any theory or "ism." What we need is not a theory or an "ism" but the coming of the Lord Jesus into mankind. In His coming He was sent to proclaim the year of God's acceptance of man, the year of jubilee, which is the year of grace. The year of jubilee is the time when God forgives and accepts man.

Day 3 —

A. Expound Luke 15 being an excellent illustration of the jubilee.

The proclamation of the jubilee in Luke 4:18-19 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. The prodigal son sold his possession and himself. One day he returned to his possession and his father's house. That was a jubilee, a liberation, and everything became pleasant and satisfying. In the father's house there was only enjoyment with eating and drinking; there was no labor.

B. Explain that the prodigal wanted to labor for his father by exerting his own effort.

When he came to himself, he said to his father; "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called

your son; make me like one of your hired servants” Here we see that the prodigal wanted to be like those who sowed, reaped, and harvested, and these things were forbidden in the year of jubilee by exerting his own effort. His intention was to tell his father that since he was no longer worthy of being a son, he would like to labor as a hired one.

Day 4 —

A. Explain Mary being at the feet of the Lord Jesus.

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. Many who know God in a deep way have found this way.

B. Expound that Mary was sitting down, being quietness before the Lord.

She was sitting down, not busy like her sister. Quietness is often the source of spiritual strength. The greatest challenge man faces is being quiet before the Lord. 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. Those who are busy cannot receive revelation easily. 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.

Day 5 —

A. Explain Satan’s works in man.

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.

B. Expound the ways of the sinners being saved.

The sin within us is a real controlling power. 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! We thank the Lord for His mercy. Many can testify that when they get angry, they can get over it very quickly, and the anger does not come back. This is because the law of the Spirit of life frees us from the bondage of sin.

Day 6 —

A. Describe the living of the jubilee.

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. What is crucial is that the inward, primary factor of our human life is right. We must let God Himself be the primary factor within us. If we are not directed by this primary factor, everything will become a weight and a suffering.

B. Fellowship the living of the jubilee should be a life of enjoying the Lord.

For our existence we cannot avoid having a family and a married life. We are also obligated to obtain an education and work at a job. However, all these are not our burdens; on the contrary, they are working for us that we may be perfected to enjoy the Lord even more. This is the living of the jubilee. A Christian’s life of jubilee should be a life of fully enjoying the Lord, a life that is full of joy and praises.

III. Conclusion:

As a Christian, if you have never reached the point of madness or insanity, you are not qualified. If you have never been to feel overwhelming joy or sorrow in front of God, you are not qualified, because it proves that you do not enjoy God enough. If you enjoy God enough, you will certainly ecstasy. If you enjoy God inside of your heart, you will certainly be beside yourself before God but soberminded before men. The Jubilee in the Bible is the Gospel age, which is also today. As soon as you repent and turn to God, accept the Lord Jesus, you will truly receive God in your heart, which is also the beginning of your Jubilee. From that day on, it will be a Jubilee forever; you can always enjoy God as your inheritance. Believe that your Jubilee will become richer and richer until eternity. This is the inheritance of our Jubilee.