

SERMON NOTES

Title: *The Year of Jubilee*

Text: Leviticus 25:10;

Luke 4:17-21

Topic: Remembrance, Gratitude
and Celebration

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One Hebrew name for *festival* means “to dance” Jewish festivals and feasts were marked by great celebration.

In the year of Jubilee...

- all debts were to be cancelled
- all prisoners set free.
- All land was given back to those who originally possessed it.
- Farmers were not to work their fields.

The Jews knew how to celebrate. Celebration was at the heart of their worship of God.

In the New Testament, we find that the same spirit of celebration is continued, only more so.

Isaiah said the Messiah would come and He would proclaim the year of Jubilee. Jesus said, “I am He.” Jesus proclaimed an age of Jubilee – which he called the Kingdom of God. It is to be a lifestyle of partying.

Early Christianity was infectious, energizing, and joyous.

Christians should be people who create celebrations even in the midst of difficult situations. See Acts 16:23-25

God loves a party. See Mt. 22:2-4)

This is not to say that Christians will not endure pain, suffering, and sacrifice.

The reason our Lord and those who become his followers endure suffering and grief is to be part of the Kingdom.

Whenever Christians party, they provide a foretaste of what is to come.

It was this vision of what is to come that made it possible for Jesus to endure the agony of Calvary: “(Jesus)...for the joy that was set before him endured the cross...” (Heb. 12:2).

Our Jubilee is a lifestyle of celebration because we have... been set free, been included in God’s family, received a new lease on life, and shared in the joy of others who have experienced the Kingdom of God.