

The Jubilee of King Jesus

Isaiah 61:1-11

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Introduction

I want to begin today by telling you about a wonderful Old Testament ordinance known as the Jubilee.

- Do you remember what it was all about?
 - It is spoken of in Leviticus 25.

Now let's just suppose that you were someone in Israel who had fallen on hard times.

- All the families in Israel started out with an inheritance of their own in the land that God had given them.
 - It was theirs to use for the glory of God as they took care of their household and brought Him their tithes.
 - It was a wonderful blessing because everyone could provide for his own family in this way through the produce of the land!
- But suppose that for some reason (we won't bother with what that reason is), you had fallen on hard times and had to sell your land.
 - In order to survive, you and your family had to become servants of one of your fellow Israelites.
 - And even though you were set free after six years of service,
 - you had no way to really make a new start because your land was in the hands of others.
 - You could pick up odd jobs, but it seemed much better to return to become an indentured servant all over again for stability.
 - How long would this cycle of servitude continue?
 - Only until the Jubilee!

Every fifty years, there was to be a Jubilee for God's people!

- And when the Jubilee came, everyone was given their own land back with no strings attached!
 - And if they had become servants, they were to be set free.
 - You and your family were able to start all over again!
 - Never did a family in Israel have to be stuck in an endless cycle of poverty!
- The Jubilee was announced by a blast of the trumpet on the Day of Atonement in the forty-ninth year!
 - God had appointed that every seventh year the, the land would be given a Sabbath rest, and after seven of these Sabbath year cycles, it was the Jubilee!

- As soon as you heard that trumpet blow, it would mean that you and your family would be allowed to return to your land for a fresh start!
- So often people wish they could go back and start over again!
 - Well the Jubilee was an opportunity to do just that!
 - How glad you would be to finally hear trumpet sound!
 - Now you are free to start all over again!

The sad reality is that Israel did not observe the Sabbath years that God had appointed for them.

- The Sabbath year and the Jubilee was a way of showing that the land belonged to the LORD instead of to them...
 - But they considered it too great a hardship to give up a year of produce.
 - Their problem was a lack of faith, for God had promised to prosper them all the more if they would observe His Sabbaths—
 - but they were not so sure of Him.
- And so it was that when God’s judgement fell upon them and He brought them into exile,
 - that the exile lasted for 70 years so that the land could catch up on the Sabbaths that had been neglected.
 - Then the LORD brought them back to the land again—
 - it was a kind of Jubilee for them—
 - a chance to start over.
- But even better than the return from the exile,
 - The LORD promised His ultimate Jubilee that would not depend on Israel’s faithfulness!
 - Daniel speaks of it in Daniel 9 as coming after 70 weeks of years—or 490 years from the time of the command to rebuild Jerusalem in 457 BC.
 - The seventieth week began in 26 AD when Jesus was anointed.
 - During that final week, Daniel declares that the Messiah would make a covenant with many, even though He would be cut off in the middle of it.
 - That cutting off (Dan 9:26) is a reference to the atonement.
 - First Jesus and then His disciples went forth to establish the covenant with Israel on the basis of Christ crucified...
 - And then after the seven years were over, the gospel began to spread to the Gentiles.
 - This led up to the destruction of temple, the day of vengeance, for Israel because of their rejection of King Jesus...
 - Yet the remnant who entered into God’s covenant through Jesus were delivered—for them it is a Jubilee!

- They are brought to the eternal inheritance of Christ's kingdom.
- And in the passage I read to you from Isaiah today,
 - Isaiah gives us a prophetic picture of Jesus Christ coming to bring this Jubilee to His people and to the whole world!
 - Just think—a chance to be set free from slavery to sin and Satan!
 - A chance to start afresh in the inheritance of God's kingdom with a future that does not depend on our faithfulness but on the faithfulness of Christ!
 - The whole human race has blown it with God.
 - We are ruined, we are condemned, we are enslaved to sin and to Satan and we have no way to get out of the endless cycle of bondage and misery!
 - But God's Jubilee is our escape!

I. Jesus came into the world blowing the trumpet to announce the Jubilee

- This is described in the first three verses...
 - **Isa 61:1-3: The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken hearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.**
 - There is so much to look at here, I hardly know where to begin.

A. First, let me show that this is clearly about Jesus.

1. He quoted these words and applied them to Himself in Luke 4:18 which we read earlier.
 - He quoted them and the He said,
 - **Luke 4:21: "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."**
 - This makes it clear that Isaiah wrote this about Him.
2. The timing in which Jesus said this is also very significant...
 - It was just after He was baptised.
 - At His baptism, the Spirit was seen to come upon Him in the form of a dove and remain upon Him.
 - This corresponds with the words in verse 1:
 - **"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me."**

- Back in chapter 11, Isaiah told us that the Spirit of the LORD would rest upon the branch that would grow out of Jesse’s roots...
 - Jesse was David’s father, and Jesus was descended from David when David had been reduced to a stump.
 - Yet, He was anointed with the Holy Spirit above measure, and the Spirit came upon Him visibly to show that He was the anointed of the Lord.
 - As the anointed one, He was given authority to carry out the work of salvation.
 - He is the Messiah (from *maw-shee’-akh* in Hebrew)
 - or the Christ (from *khris-tos’* in Greek)
 - Both of these words mean “the anointed One.”
 - Jesus anointing at His baptism and His coming forth in 26 AD corresponds perfectly with the time table given by Daniel.
 - The seventieth week began when He was anointed and then He came forth preaching and establishing His covenant with many who were baptised.
 - This went on until His crucifixion and then His messengers went out for the rest of the seven years to preach to the Jews.
 - Jesus forth from His baptism preaching the gospel of the Kingdom!
3. This also corresponds with what we saw about Him back at the end of Isaiah 59—
- Remember that God promised that His Spirit and Word which were both upon His anointed one would not depart from Him or from His seed or His seed’s seed.
 - In this we learned that Christ, who was given the Holy Spirit and the Word,
 - shares these excellent gifts with us and our children if we are His seed.
 - As we saw when we looked at that passage,
 - He who was anointed with the Holy Spirit at His baptism is the One who thereafter baptises with the Holy Spirit.
 - He did this at His ascension in the middle of the seventieth week.
 - He ascended with a trumpet by which freedom was proclaimed.
 - The Spirit that was upon Him was given to His people!

TRANS> Clearly, Isaiah is talking about Jesus Christ, the anointed one!

B. He announces that Jubilee that sets God’s people free!

1. You can see how this fulfills everything that was promised in the Jubilee!
 - a. First, that He preaches good tiding to the poor!

- To those who are so poor that they have no resources to obtain an inheritance in God's land!
 - It is God's land and it can only be theirs if He gives it to them.
 - Even from the beginning, the Israelites had no strength to obtain their inheritance—it was the LORD who gave it to them.
 - You see the picture—
 - Without God's inheritance you have nothing worthwhile—all is vanity and chasing after the wind!
 - Your life and your accomplishments are like a flower that appears moment and then is gone!
 - I hope you realise how poor you are without Jesus.
 - You are blessed if you are poor in Spirit because then you know that you need to look to Jesus to obtain the inheritance of eternal life!
 - If you think you have life in yourself, you are to be pitied.
 - You do not realise that you are dead even while you live...
 - You are estranged from your Creator and will die in your sin unless you awaken to your poverty and turn to Christ.
- b. Second, notice that Jesus declares that He is sent to proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to those who are bound...
- This also is the language of the Jubilee—
 - When the trumpet sounded, not only were the poor given their inheritance, but those who were slaves were set free!
 - The word translated *liberty* is the technical word that is used in Leviticus 25:10 for the *liberty* that was proclaimed throughout all the land when the Jubilee came.
 - My friends, we are wretched slaves until Christ announces our freedom...
 - We are in bondage to Satan, to serve Him; in bondage to our lusts; in bondage to our selfishness.
 - We cannot break the chain that holds us until King Jesus comes and announces our emancipation!
 - If you have tried to break your chains by self-effort, you know that it cannot be done!
 - It is Christ that sets you free from sin and death!
 - He sets you free to serve the Lord.
- c. Third, you see that Jesus is said to proclaim **“the acceptable year of the LORD and the day of vengeance of our God.”**

- The **acceptable year of the LORD** is a reference to God's acceptance of His once rejected people!
 - The Jubilee began, as I showed you, on the day of atonement in the forty-ninth year—
 - showing that it was rooted in the blood of the covenant that was shed for the remission of sins.
- It is significant that Jesus was anointed, then shed His blood three and half years later in the middle of the final week of Daniel,
 - and then sent His disciples out,
 - first to Israel, to establish His covenant with them that brought acceptance and the forgiveness of sin,
 - and then, after the week was over, to the nations.
- But note well that vengeance is also mentioned...
 - For when the LORD sets His people free, it also means that He judges those who held them in bondage.
 - So it was for Babylon and so it was for Egypt...
 - So it is for Satan and for all who are in league with him and do not want to release Christ's sheep!
 - Jesus crushes them and sets His people free.
 - This is why the destruction of Jerusalem followed.
 - It was the vengeance of God upon those who rejected His Christ among His covenant people.
 - But the gospel of Christ went into all the world.

TRANS> What a glorious message Christ has for you if you belong to Him!

- This is the trumpet of the gospel that is blown all over the world at Christ's command!
 - His sheep hear the glorious proclamation and obtain freedom...
2. For we see secondly that Jesus not only *proclaims* our freedom but also *brings about* our freedom.
- a. His Word is powerful.
- When He preaches freedom and liberty and acceptance,
 - His Spirit actually brings freedom and liberty and acceptance into effect for us!
 - He gives what He proclaims to all who hear His call!
 - He is not just a preacher...
 - He creates life and liberty for us by His powerful working!

TRANS> See how He speaks of this effecting of freedom...

- b. In verse 1 He says that He is sent **“to heal the broken-hearted”**...
 - And at the end of verse 2, **“to comfort all who mourn.”**
 - All our life we have this emptiness until we hear His voice—
 - There is this deep yearning and longing for what we lost in the fall—
 - We were cut off from our Creator and now we are eking out our existence in a world that is under His wrath and curse...
 - But Jesus, in proclaiming the Jubilee, gives to us the Spirit of Adoption.
 - The Holy Spirit is the comforter.
 - The Spirit enables us to see that we are accepted through the blood of the covenant that Jesus shed..
 - The Spirit enables us to know that our heavenly Father loves us and to have a true sense of His great love who spared not His Son.
 - This is the basis of all true comfort—that we are reconciled...
 - He gives the Spirit to us to mend our broken hearts!
- c. Our LORD dwells on this sweet consolation at great length in verse 3!
 - 1) Look at what He says:
 - a) He says that He gives us beauty (literally a crown) in place of ashes.
 - In those days, the people put ashes on their head when they mourned.
 - Well those ashes have been replaced by a crown of beauty!
 - We are made kings and priests to our God!
 - We are brought from the prison to the palace!
 - b) The oil of joy is given to us in place of mourning...
 - The oil represents new life—
 - It is the oil of gladness because it replaces death and misery.
 - c) The garment of praise is given to us in place of the spirit of heaviness.
 - Now we are full of praise—praise within—in place of despair and hopelessness.

TRANS> What marvellous consolation Christ gives us!

- 2) But why does He dwell on this consolation at such great length?
 - He dwells on it because this is what we need if we are going to go forth to serve Him in His kingdom!
 - I keep stressing this to you!

- The more you grasp what Jesus has done,
 - the more you will enter into the fullness of His service!
 - the more you will praise Him!
 - the more you will lay down your life for Him!
- Mere resolutions don't work.
 - Your obedience and service to Christ—your moving out for Him with zeal in the new life He gives you—
 - begins with the gospel and is fuelled by the gospel of peace.
 - We love Him because He first loved us.
 - If you are lax in your service to Him it is because you do not have consolation from the gospel!
 - When you do, the love of Christ constrains you.

C. Jesus proclaims your liberty and gives you all this consolation so that you will glorify God in His Kingdom!

- Look at the end of verse 3
 - Notice the word *that*...
 - It is speaking of the purpose of His consolation...
- 1. He consoles His people **“that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified!”**
 - Glorified because He takes that which was ruined, lost, in bondage, stripped of everything...
 - And He sets you free and gives you an inheritance in His kingdom!
 - This is the ultimate jubilee, and how it honours King Jesus to give us these things!
 - He has planted us in His kingdom forever—rooted in our inheritance!
 - He has made us righteous who were rejected!
 - We had no righteousness—but He has provided it for us in full.
 - What a King He is to give such gifts to His people.
 - Let the world see it and marvel!
 - Even the angels desire to look into these things and see such grace as can no where else be seen!
 - A jubilee for ruined sinners!
- 2. This is just what we saw in chapter 60.

- He calls you to arise and shine because He has caused His light to shine upon you!
 - He has comforted to you in the gospel!
 - He makes you a light to the nations who are in darkness...to the glory of God.
 - The anointed one, the Messiah is the One who was sent to bring all these blessings to us.
 - Glory to His name.

II. He sets you free to flourish in your inheritance!

- That is what the Jubilee is all about—
 - The Lord gives you your inheritance so that you might be productive and flourish in His land.
 - Now you have resources so that you can prosper.
 - He presents five ways that you will flourish...because of the Jubilee.
- A. First of all, you begin to rebuild what was lost by the fall—the desolations of many ages.
- You see that in verse 4:
 - **Isaiah 61:4: And they shall rebuild the old ruins, They shall raise up the former desolations, And they shall repair the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations.**
1. What ruin sin brings in our lives—
 - It brings division in our families...
 - It sets us out in selfish pursuits that destroy the unity of our homes.
 - It causes strife and heartache.
 - It causes greed and even poverty and additions that eat up your soul and make you cold and bitter...
 - It is the desolations of many generations!
 2. But now there is a Jubilee and you can rebuild the ruins for glory of King Jesus!
 - We can reform our families and our churches for God's glory!
 - We can bring back respect and honour and chastity and integrity and love—
 - loving service that gives and that sacrifices for others!
 - Some of you are not living this out!
 - Some of you children—instead of sacrificing and laying down your life for others—
 - you are living in the old foolish ways of pride and selfishness!
 - Stop that!

- It is time to enter into the new life that Jesus gives!
- And you fathers and young men!
 - Are you committed to rebuild?
 - And you committed in rebuilding what has been lost?
 - In moving forward for Jesus Christ in leading your family into His service—to have a purpose and to live for His glory?
 - to spread His word?
 - to train your sons to be men who go forth for Jesus?
 - and your daughters to grow in their trust and service to their families?

TRANS> There is a lot of repair work to do and it is high time you got started!

- Christ liberated you from bondage so that you could flourish in his kingdom!
 - Quit goofing around and start moving forward for Him!
- Now let's look at the second way the jubilee causes you to flourish...
 - Once you start rebuilding, it will not be long until others notice... even strangers.

B. Others will come and join you—serving together in unity in Christ's worldwide kingdom.

1. This is beautifully illustrated in verses 5-6.

- It speaks of new believers coming in to Christ's kingdom when they see you flourishing in it...
 - They come to you as their priests and as God's servants...
 - And, as we saw in chapter 60, they bring everything they have to use for His glory—
 - What they once squandered, they now use for the advance of His kingdom in this world.

2. This is what it says:

- **Isa 61:5: Strangers** [the Gentiles who see you flourishing in God's inheritance] **shall stand and feed your flocks, And the sons of the foreigner Shall be your ploughmen and your vinedressers.**
- **Isa 61:6: But you shall be named the priests of the LORD, They shall call you the servants of our God.**
 - That is how they see you—as those who are able to teach them—they come to learn God's ways from you.
- **You shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, And in their glory you shall boast.**
 - They bring in all that they have and put it into service in Christ's kingdom.

3. The beautiful thing here is the unity of those who were once enemies.
 - We can look around the church and see a great variety of people who would have had very little use or interest in each other...
 - And now we are together, encouraging one another, using our gifts and our resources in service to our Lord.
 - This is what happens when we flourish in Christ's kingdom...
 - The nations come to join us in His service.

TRANS> That is the second way you flourish...third...

C. How you come to enjoy the inheritance of the LORD!

1. Verse 7 presents the contrast—of
 - honour in place of shame...
 - How ashamed you are of what you had without Christ—but now there is double honour—
 - the double portion is the inheritance of the firstborn—and it is yours.
 - You have the Spirit and word forever and all the fruits of these.
 - rejoicing in place of confusion...
 - Before you did not even know what your life was for or how it was to be directed—you pursued this and you pursued that, but all was vanity...
 - It was empty and you groped about in the darkness...striving for the wind and never satisfied...
 - But now just look at what God has given you!
2. The double portion—the portion of the firstborn—is again mentioned at the end of verse 7
 - **Isa 61:7: “Therefore in their land they shall possess double; Everlasting joy shall be theirs.”**
 - Clearly this is not talking about mere real estate!
 - Yes, God brought His people back from exile to the land, but that was only a small foretaste of the blessing to come!
 - This is talking about everlasting joy!
 - This is about the inheritance of the Holy Spirit who transforms us and our children and gives us an inheritance in Christ's kingdom as a new creation in Jesus Christ!
 - God gives the Spirit richly and freely to us as we ask Him.
 - Do you seek this inheritance from Him?
 - Do you pray for it earnestly that you may have joy in it?

TRANS> And this leads to the fourth way we flourish in our portion...

D. You are able to please God when Jesus restores you to His kingdom...

1. The Lord has very high standards for those who receive His inheritance...

- When He gave His people the land He told them that they must be holy as He is holy.
 - And here in verse 8, He says:
 - **"For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery for burnt offering;**
 - The *justice* he loves is simply doing what is right—
 - to our neighbours and to God...
 - This is what the LORD loves.
 - He hates it when we do not render to others their due—
 - when we goof off when we are supposed to be working...
 - when we lie about what we are selling...
 - when we see someone in need and do not help him...
 - And He hates Robbery for burn offering!
 - That is when something is withheld from the offering!
 - Burnt offerings are to be completely given up to the LORD—nothing is to be held back.
 - And now that Jesus has come, we are called to give ourselves up to Him as a living sacrifice.
 - He hates it when we withhold something—when we determine that we will serve Lord with our tithe, but not with the Sabbath...
 - or with service to strangers but not to our own family...
 - or with love to the downtrodden but not to our enemies...
 - or not to a certain person that rubs us wrong.
 - Or when we give ourselves partly to an idol and partly to Him.
 - He is a jealous God and He hates the double heart.
 - Don't come to Him with an incomplete offering!
 - He has set you free from bondage so that you can serve Him with all that you are and all that you have!
 - Do it because He has set you free to do it!

2. You say, "but I don't know what He wants..."

- There is an easy way to find out what His will is...
 - Start by doing what you already know to be pleasing to Him...
 - Start with what you know that you are withholding from Him...

- He has no reason to show you what else He requires until you begin to do what He has already shown you.
- But look, there is a precious promise—
 - He says of His people:
 - **“I will direct their work in truth, And will make with them an everlasting covenant.**
 - Do you see?
 - He will guide you—He will direct your work—He will show you what you need to do for Him as you go...
 - He does not leave you without guidance when you want to please Him with the inheritance He has given you.
 - He has obligated Himself to you in His covenant and He will ever be faithful to His promise...
 - He will never leave you or forsake you.

TRANS> You flourish in His inheritance because He directs you steps!

- That is the fourth way you flourish in your portion...
- Now the fifth...

E. You obtain God’s blessing for your children...

1. Verse 9 explains this:

- **Isa 61:9: Their descendants shall be known among the Gentiles, And their offspring among the people. All who see them shall acknowledge them, That they are the posterity whom the LORD has blessed."**
- Now you have something to give to your children...
 - Twice it speaks of your seed (ze rah)—
 - Once translated as *descendants* and once as *posterity*.
 - As we saw at the end of chapter 59, the promise is to you who are the seed of Christ and to your seed...
 - You have an inheritance for your children

2. The poor man who sold his inheritance and brought his family into slavery had no future for his children...

- but in the Jubilee, everything is restored!
 - We had nothing to give our children outside of Christ but a life of vanity that leads to hell...
 - Even if we give them the whole world, it will pass away as quickly as a dream when they awaken to God’s judgement.
 - You have nothing for them apart from Christ...

- But now in the Jubilee of King Jesus, we can give them an inheritance among them that are sanctified!
 - so that the nations will look at our children and see that they are the people whom the LORD has blessed...
 - That He has given them an inheritance in His kingdom!

TRANS> What a rich inheritance is yours in the Jubilee of King Jesus!

- You are able to rebuild the desolations of many years!
- Strangers see and come to join you in the work!
- You come to enjoy the rich portion that God has given you.
- God Himself directs you into those ways that please Him.
- You obtain a blessing for your descendents.

III. Make a resolution that you will rejoice in what He has given you!

A. That resolution is declared in verse 10 and 11.

1. You know this passage because we often use it as confession of rejoicing in our morning worship service.

- **Isa 61:10-11: I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its bud, As the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.**

2. Notice that it switches back to the first person.

- Chapter 61 began with the first person—
 - then it went to the third person in verses 4-9...
 - and now it returns to the first person (it says “I”)
- Because of this, some have said that verses 10-11 must refer to Jesus again...
 - because He is the one who speaks in the first person at the beginning of the chapter,
 - and because he is the One who speaks in the first person in the chapter that follows.
- But I hope you are learning to realise what it means that Christ is the head and we are His members—
 - I hope you understand that the head cannot be separated from the body.
 - Yes, looking back at verse 1-3,
 - You can see clearly that it is about Jesus our head—
 - He is the one who is anointed with the Spirit and who preaches to us...

- But can we say that this is not also about the prophets and apostles who spoke by His Spirit?
 - Were they not also anointed by the Spirit of Christ to proclaim liberty to captives?
- And can we not even say that it is about all of us who partake of Christ's Spirit?
 - Are we not given the Spirit and do we not have a part in His ministry of proclaiming the gospel that sets men free?
 - And of bringing comfort to them in His atonement?
- And here at the end of the chapter...
 - Does this confession not belong to us and Christ together?
 - Does He not greatly rejoice to clothe His body that was once naked and defiled with the garments of salvation and a robe of righteousness?
 - Has He not so identified Himself with us that He has even born the shame of our sin as the members of His body?
 - And does He not look with joyful expectation at what His people are growing up to become in His kingdom?
 - Does He not look with joy to the gathering in of the nations to be members of the great body that He has now justified?
 - Of course He does!

TRANS> So now dear congregation...

- If you have heard the jubilee trumpet of Jesus and have been given an inheritance in His kingdom...

B. It is yours to greatly rejoice!

- Isaiah 61:10 and 11 is the great voice of the church with Jesus as her head!
1. It does not simply say, "I will rejoice," but "I will greatly rejoice!"
 - Just think where you would be with His jubilee!
 - Forever cut off!
 - Forever spinning your wheels in this world until at last you are cast into the place of outer darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth!
 - What a glorious emancipation is yours!
 - Let your soul be joyful in your God!
 - What great things He has done!

2. You were naked, but now He has clothed you with righteousness and salvation!
 - It is His work alone!
 - In His great love for you, He knitted each stitch of these beautiful garments to cover you with them!
 - All your pretences and all your hiding and your justifications only left you all the more naked before God...
 - It was like trying to cover your nakedness with a spider web.
 - Utter futility!
 - The Son of God had to come and meet the demands of God's law...
 - He had to please the Father as our representative and live the life of obedience that we have failed to live...
 - And then He had to go to the cross and bear the curse for us...
 - He had to bear the guilt and shame of all our transgressions so that all would be atoned for.
 - And that is exactly what He did!
 - What splendid clothes He has provided for us
 - How we ought to greatly rejoice in this beautiful inheritance.
 - He has made us beautiful in God's sight—and that is totally amazing!
 - He gives us these clothes and then He rejoices with us in what He has done!

TRANS> But that is still not all

3. We are but a beginning—the whole world is going to come alive with His praise!
 - King Jesus is reigning and He will reign until all His enemies are brought under His feet.
 - He is raising up true worshippers from all over the world!
 - He came and made His covenant with a remnant of His people for seven years,
 - And then He began to gather the nations of the world to this tiny remnant.
 - They were like a seed sown in the earth that brings forth an abundant harvest!
 - **v. 11: For as the earth brings forth its bud, As the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.**
 - The world is coming alive with righteousness and praise.
 - It is the work of the LORD and all the glory goes to Him.
 - Jesus has come, He has proclaimed His Jubilee...
 - And now the world is being set free to serve Him!

- Have you entered into the freedom?
 - Is this inheritance yours?
 - Are you rejoicing in it?

- If not, then repent at once!
 - Why would you miss out on such freedom?
 - Why would you hold on to your slavery and your misery when you could be freed and given God's inheritance?
 - The trumpet of the jubilee of Jesus is still blowing...
 - The call is going out to the end of the world...
 - Don't you hear the call?
 - Don't you want this inheritance?
 - Stop dabbling and come and live!
 - The day of acceptance is here!
 - Now is the day of salvation.