

Stronghold of Money

Lesson 10 “The Year of Debt Release”

I. Introduction - We are closing out our series on finances we’ve called “Stronghold of Money” as money has a strong hold on many of our lives. It determines the decisions we make, where we work, where we live, how much we give, and what we buy. **The goal of the series is to walk in financial freedom, especially in times of inflation and economic hardship.**

A. Review - In this series we have established that God wants us to walk in abundance and looked at the biblical basis for that. We have also looked at several biblical principles about how to walk in prosperity God’s way. Check out our website to get all our previous messages if you have missed any.

B. As we close out this series, I want to talk to you about the Year of Debt Release (Jubilee). This messages both applies to finances, but could also be a stand alone message to prep us for the new year. **Through Christ, God made provision to cancel all our debts both financial and spiritual.**

1. Someone is probaly wandering is this a prophetic word for the new year? No. This is a scriptural word for every day of every new year for the rest of your life.
2. This means every time you get into debt (whether its your fault or not), provision has already been released to cancel that debt.

II. The Year of Debt Release

A. **Leviticus 25:8-10 NLT** - God commanded Israel to blow a trumpet on the Day of Attonement every 50 years.

1. The Year of the Jubilee was a year of release from indebtedness and all bondage. Prisoners and captives were set free, slaves were released, all debts were forgiven, and property was returned to its original owners. Lastly, all labor ceased for one year, and those bound by labor contracts were released from them.
2. When you think about it, none of this is fair, but it reveals God’s nature of grace, mercy, and restoration.
3. As I was studying this recently, the Lord really drilled home to me a concept I want to emphasize to all of us today. **Leviticus 25:25-28 NLT**
 - a. Sometimes people fall into poverty through no fault of their own (demonic attack, sickness, lied to in a business deal, fired unfairly, etc). It would make sense this person gets debt release.
 - b. At this time, Israel had over 3 million people in it. There’s a pretty good chance that many of the people who went into debt were directly responsbile for it (Unwisely spent money they didn’t have, were terminated for poor work performance, ignored good council on an

investment, etc.). They were released too. **God made provision for all independent of performance.**

4. Isaiah 61:1-7 This refers to a future Jubilee (Israel's release from Babylonian captivity). It is also the passage Jesus quoted at the beginning of His ministry.

- a. What's the difference between a captive and a prisoner? A captive is innocent, but a person who is in prison is not. Both were forgiven.
- b. The rest of these verses talk about how God would use captives/prisoners to rebuild Israel (people who didn't qualify).
- c. These verses talk specifically about finances.

C. **Luke 4:16-20 Jesus's Fulfillment**

1. Gospel means almost too good to be true news. What is good news if your poor? Your needs are met.

- a. While also talking about spiritual needs, not limited to. **Hebrews 8:6.**

2. Heal the broken-hearted. Many are broken-hearted because of their past.

3. Liberty to captives - Freedom!

4. Recovery of sight to blind - Capacity to see that which is in front of you.

When we are in debt, we are often too busy working we don't have time to see anything.

5. What didn't he quote from **Isaiah 61:2**? They day of vengeance of our God. Why? Because that would be finished at the cross. We are no longer in a season of God's vengeance, we are in a season of God's favor! **There is a day of vengeance coming at Christ's return, but that isn't the season we are in.**

D. How Do We Walk in this Reality?

1. We speak God's word. **2 Corinthians 1:20**

2. Onyeje testimony - God forgave the debt she was prisoner to (45K) and the additional \$20k she was held captive by. She kept declaring God's word.

III. Conclusion - In Christ Jesus is our debt release. Let this message be a prophetic edge to your new year. Speak God's word and receive the fulness of your Jubilee both spiritual and financial.

A. Alter call - Reponse

B. Pray over finances - debt release.