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Applying the Preached Word



If Your Brother Becomes Poor

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Text: Leviticus 25:8-12; 35-46

Main Point

Jubilee is a reminder that God is a God of mercy and second chances.

Key Ideas

While we have to be careful not to translate the Jubilee principle from the Israelite theocracy to our democratic political structures, there are aspects of the Year of Jubilee that should inform the lives of Christians.

Six Principles of the Year of Jubilee for Christians

1. The Lord is owner of land and people and all that we have.
 - We should live as if everything we have is a gift, and not a right.
2. Compassion expands with an understanding of the grace we have received.
 - As we understand what has been done for us in Christ we will be motivated to extend compassion to others.
3. Our justice-loving God champions the cause of the poor and destitute.
 - We can never trumpet the cause of justice and neglect the poor.
4. Christians have been set free from worshipping and trusting material things.
 - Our lives are not defined by what we possess or acquire.
5. The death of Jesus has secured the ultimate Jubilee for the people of God.
 - Our inheritance in Christ is permanent right to the glories of heaven.
6. Holiness finds expression in merciful living and care for the poor.
 - A holy people is set apart for God's purposes, which includes ministry to the poor.

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Fellowship Starters

Treasure - Application to stir our love for Christ

1. Search through the text for this message and find the biblical basis for each of the principles above. Where might you see these principles declared in the New Testament as well?

Grow - Application to stir our obedience to Christ

2. Which of the principles of Jubilee above do you think is most helpful for you to keep in mind, and why?
3. If there is someone who has served with Covenant Mercies (construction or medical team; RunFAR, etc.) have them share on what God has done and how it has been a blessing to them and others.
4. Take time to pray for the ministry of Covenant Mercies.

Proclaim - Application to stir our witness for Christ

5. How would you talk about the biblical view of compassion to someone who had a secular view of social justice?