ye shall return

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FOREWORD

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Preface

Beloved, I believe the hour has come when we, the saints of the Most High, should begin to grasp, at least in part, the meaning of the glorious truth and mysteries delicately hidden for us in the Holy Scriptures. God's hour of revelation has come and the Spirit of God is at work, removing the veil from our eyes so that we might see, "even if through a glass darkly", the things that are ours. The hour has come for us to begin to partake in the inheritance of the Saints in light.

This little book brings to you a prophetic declaration from Jehovah ELYON, the *Possessor of heaven and earth*, concerning your Jubilee. This declaration of Jubilee, not only proclaims your emancipation from Satan, sin, sickness and all form of oppression, but is also a proclamation of your "year of release, of reunion, of restoration and of refreshing".

My prayer as you read this book is that you'll begin to clearly hear in your spirit the sound of this glorious trumpet; and that you hear Him proclaim: "ye shall return!" for God is declaring that you shall return to your place of intimacy with God; you shall return to your possession, you shall return to your inheritance and to your heritage in Jehovah.

In the beginning, God made man and set him over the works of His hands. Man lived with Him and was His close counterpart. Jehovah ELYON, who is the creator and possessor of heaven and earth, made man the supreme ruler of the universe. He made man the rightful owner of the

whole earth and put all things under his feet. For David in amazement said:

"When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the Elohim, and hast crowned him with glory and honor. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet" (Psa 8:4-6).

The animal kingdom obeyed man and was in subjection to him and the earth brought forth abundantly for him. But alas! When sin came, all that changed. Man became a subject and a slave. He became a slave to sin, to sickness, and to Satan. He became a subject to circumstances and must earn his living by the sweat of his face. Satan, now his taskmaster, and a hard taskmaster for that matter, seized dominion among many of man's possession. Man lost his rightful place and most unfortunately, his access and fellowship with the Father God, and his life became an unbearable life of servitude. He lost his dominion, his land, his possession and his inheritance. But God, who is rich in mercy, had a plan.

God gave a prophecy of a coming restoration. A day is coming, says the MOST HIGH, Jehovah ELYON, the Possessor of heaven and earth, when the trumpet of Jubilee will sound and "and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family". Glory be to God Almighty! When the Jubilee trumpet begins to sound, mankind will begin to return from his fallen state of sin, to his original estate and perfect fellowship with God. That was the prophetic message hidden in the ordinance of Jubilee given to the natural Israel as a type and began to be proclaimed and fulfilled by Christ the Anointed One.

The Lord Jesus Christ, the Anointed One began fulfilling this prophetic ordinance when at the start of His ministry 2000years ago, on the Day of Atonement, He entered the Temple and blew the *Trumpet of our Jubilee*. The sound of that trumpet is still been heralded today by His anointed ones. "Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world" (Rom 10:18).

This divine and heavenly message of liberation will once again and for the final time be sounded throughout all the world in the day of the LORD. This time it will not be in part, but in its fullness and perfection. At the sound of this final trumpet of Jubilee every creature under heaven will hear, including the earth herself and will experience the glorious liberty of the sons of God. Man will return to his original dominion, inheritance, and eternal estate and will subjugate the one which has brought the oppression upon God's creation. For now, the trumpet of our spiritual Jubilee is sounding louder and louder.

Can't you hear the sound of the trumpet? God wants this revelation of the "*Trumpet of Jubilee*" to bring you into your *own* in this day and hour to bring you into close intimacy with Him, and to bring you into daily enjoyment of all spiritual, physical, mental, financial blessings from the heavenly places. He wants this revelation to cause you to daily live your daily life in peace, in quietness and in confidence and to enter into His rest. For thus saith the Lord:

"And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting-places" (Isa 32:18).

The Anointed One has sounded the trumpet of Jubilee and it is still reverberating throughout the land today. As you hear the reverberation of this trumpet, the Spirit of God is declaring to you that the time is come for you to enter into His rest.

I am persuaded that this will be the end to panic, agitation and worry in your life---the end to fear and insecurity, the end to all mental agonies and struggles, the end to all confusion as you practice abiding in His REST and cease from all your struggles. "For he that is entered into His Rest has ceased from all his works."

My prayer, as you read, is that this will be a trumpet of restoration for you. May it be a trumpet that will cause you to possess all that belongs to you spiritually, mentally, physically, socially, and materially; and a trumpet that will bring you into an unprecedented intimacy with our Father.

"Upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions" (Oba 1:17).

your brother

Joseph Olarewaju

Chapter 1

ye shall return

"Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land.

And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family" (Isa 40:28-29).

In this chapter, we shall meditate on the foundational prophecy on which the message in this book is based: God's proclamation of the trumpet of Jubilee. However, we cannot discuss the trumpet of Jubilee without first considering the foundation upon which it is laid, which is the ordinance of the Sabbath.

All the feasts and convocations of the God of Israel were in connection with the Sabbath and all of God's dealing with both the natural and spiritual Israel can be seen in His feasts.

The seventh day was set apart and special, the seventh month was set apart and special, and so was the seventh year. It was a sabbatical year; for the LORD said to Moses on Mount Sinai, "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'When you enter the land I am going to give you, the land itself must observe a sabbath to the LORD. For six years sow your fields, and for six years prune your vineyards and gather their crops. But in the seventh year the land is to have a Sabbath of rest, a Sabbath to the LORD" (Lev25:1-4). And, in the wilderness of Sinai, God commanded Israel, saying:

"Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter,thy manservant,nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it" (Exo 20:9).

The natural Israelite understands the Sabbath as a literal day of the week, the seventh day of the week, which corresponds to our Saturday. On that day, they strictly refrained from all work. This was a sign and covenant between them and Jehovah. The ordinance applies not only to the seventh day of the week, but also to the seven festivals of Israel's calendar and to periods of seven years and seven-times-seven years.

As we have mentioned earlier elsewhere, the book of Hebrews makes it plain that the law and the ordinances associated with it are "a shadow of good things to come and not the very image" (Heb 10). The law of the Sabbath, which was observed by the natural Israel, is a shadow of God's Sabbath. The real meaning of the Sabbath is not a day in the week, nor is the natural land of Canaan the real possession and inheritance that God promised the seed of Abraham but

these are shadow pictures of the real and are not even the very image.

The Sabbath of God is a time when the people of God (for which Israel is a type) must cease from their own works, and rest in the work of Christ: For there remains, then, a Sabbathrest for the people of God and he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. There must come an end to man's struggles and an entering into God's rest. This is the Sabbath, the rest that God is speaking to us about in Hebrews Chapter 4. We will come back to this in more detail in a later chapter.

The Sabbath embodies the gospel. Central to the whole gospel message is the revelation of grace that God, through grace, gave. Man did not earn it. It is not by man's strength or work and effort but through faith in the work of Christ. God freely gave His only Son to save us from the devil and from sin; for "it is not by power nor by might, but by my Spirit" says the Lord.

This leads us to the main subject of this chapter. In the opening Scripture we read about Jubilee. The year of Jubilee is a Sabbath of Sabbaths and is based on God's divine grace, unmerited pardon, and deliverance. The twenty-fifth chapter of Leviticus describes the trumpet that announces this special year as commanded by the Lord in verse 8 saying:

"And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years. Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the Jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land. And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a Jubilee unto you;

and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family" (Lev 25:8-10).

The year of jubilee is a Sabbath of Sabbaths of years and its climax was the great Day of Atonement of that year. On this day the long loud blast of the trumpets were sounded throughout the land of Israel and all slaves were set free and all land returned to their original owner or owner's family. The blowing of the trumpet of Jubilee begins from the temple mount and it is resounded throughout the land.

On that day as the trumpets begin to sound throughout the land there is unspeakable joy among the people, for in the Jubilee year there is rest, release, liberation, remission, refreshing, reunion and restoration. There is a return to family and property, rest and peace, protection, provision and plenty. The people of God were to rest in their God and celebrate under their vine and under their fig tree.

Under the Old Covenant the Israelites blew the outward trumpets to proclaim liberty throughout all the land. In the New Covenant the year of Jubilee is proclaimed and sounded with spiritual trumpets which are sounded with the power of the Spirit of God through His Anointed.

The trumpet of our Jubilee began to be sounded by CHRIST, the Anointed One. He was sent by GOD the FATHER to bring deliverance to humanity who had been in servitude under the devil for more than 4000 years; for GOD anointed JESUS CHRIST of Nazareth with the HOLY GHOST and POWER, who went about healing and setting free all that were oppressed of the devil. No one could break loose from under the chains and shackles of the devil, the oppressor and taskmaster, before JESUS the Anointed One came and sounded the trumpet of Jubilee.

The blowing of the physical trumpet of Jubilee is a type of the sounding forth or proclamation of the message of liberation. The

trumpet of Jubilee is the true EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION. It is the sounding forth of the message of deliverance, of liberation, of release and of restoration and rest; this proclamation is to all the inhabitants of the earth. For "you shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout ALL THE LAND UNTO ALL THE INHABITANTS THEREOF" (Lev 25:10).

The Lord Jesus Christ, the Anointed One, started His ministry in the year of Jubilee, and on the Sabbath day as He entered the temple they delivered unto him the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to reach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord" (Isa 61:1).

And he closed the book, and gave it again to the minister, and sat down; The eyes of all those that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears."

Dear Saints that was the Trumpet of our Jubilee. The Lord Jesus, our CHRIST, the Anointed One blew the trumpet on that great day. From then on, the sound of it began to be heard through all the land. The sick began to be healed, the demon-possessed began to be delivered, blind eyes began to see, the dumb began to speak, the dead were being raised, and house of Jacob began to possess their possessions. After our Lord Jesus proclaimed, trumpeted and demonstrated the year of **Jubilee**, the year of **Release**, and the year of **Liberty**, the apostles of Lamb then carried on the proclamation after His ascension.

Your Jubilee trumpet has sounded. Can't you hear the sound of the trumpet? You are free! CHRIST, the Anointed One, has blown



Chapter 2

to your family

A few years ago, the Holy Ghost took me to the teachings of the Lord Jesus on the prodigal son. He opened my eyes to the fact that the parable of the prodigal son, which we always use solely for preaching to unbelievers, is also very much applicable to us. During the time of fellowship, the Holy Spirit reminded me of the fact that man was created by the Most High to be His companion, to have communion with Him. He showed me that only man was created to fill that position and ministry, since only man was made in the image of the Almighty God and able to worship and fellowship with Him in spirit and in truth; and that is what the Father desires and seeks from man. He went on by saying that when we do not spend time in spirit-to-Spirit communion with the Father, we are playing the role of the prodigal son away from home.

He then asked me: "Do you know the prodigal son, is a son?" I quickly responded a resounding "yes" in my spirit. The prodigal son was a son, born in his father's house, but a rebellious one who strayed away from home, separated himself from his father, traveled to a far country where he wasted all his possessions in riotous living.

He lost all his possessions, became poor, and became a slave of one who put him to work feeding pigs. He had nothing to eat and would have been glad if someone had given him the pig's portion. Then suddenly, he came to his senses; he remembered his father. Inside him, he heard the trumpet of Jubilee. He then said to himself, "I will arise and go to my father; I will return." The Holy Ghost reminded me of what his father did when he saw him afar off returning home. The scripture states:

"And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him" (Luke 15:20).

No wonder the Lord Jesus, speaking to us, said "The Father Himself loves you" The Father loves the hours of communion that we spend with Him. He would really want us to abide with Him and not just occasionally visit. He wants us to make our permanent residence in His presence.

The Holy Spirit, in that hour of meditation, was teaching me that when we neglect spending time in fellowship with the Father, we are just like the prodigal son: straying away from home and not abiding in the presence of the Father and His family. We are wandering around in the senses; wasting away in spiritual poverty; seeking for the pig's portion when the wealth of eternity and all things that pertain to life and godliness are waiting for us in our Father's mansion. However, we still remain His children even when we desert Him and forsake His presence; He still loves us dearly. In fact the Father is at home waiting, eagerly waiting for us to show up so He could throw a party on our behalf. He is eagerly waiting to "prepare a table before us even in the presence of the enemy".

At one time or the other, we have strayed from home---every single one of us---but the Spirit is telling us not stay out there in the pig's barn but to arise and *return* home to the Father.

When you hear the Trumpet of Jubilee, you are to return home to your Father. In the Jubilee year, you are to return to fellowshipping with the Father, to enter rest and cease from your struggles; For it is a time of reunion, of refreshing and of restoration.

Dear child of God, the Spirit is speaking to you today, to get up and return home. Your Father is waiting for you. Even if you've wasted your resources in riotous living in the flesh, "the Father still loves you" and wants you to return home. Even if you've sold yourself into slavery to a taskmaster in a far country, the trumpet of Jubilee has sounded. You are free; ye shall return.

"No one can hold you down anymore except if you want to remain in bondage. Son, you're free, go home to your father, and return to your inheritance."

Our Christ, the Anointed One, has blown the trumpet of our Jubilee and the sound of that trumpet is still being heard today. The sound of the trumpet of our Jubilee began to be heard when the Lord Jesus Christ made the "emancipation proclamation" in the temple and the sound still reverberates on the earth today. His anointed ones at the end-time are reechoing this trumpet throughout the land at His command.

As you hear this trumpet, don't just stand there; *return* right now to your family and to your inheritance. There is a rest, a refreshing, and a restoration waiting for you. Lay hold on them now, for they are yours, yes, your rightful inheritance.

Chapter 3

to righteousness

"And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever. And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places" (Isa 32:16-18).

returned by the same which they are known. The British royal family, for example, has special family virtues which it has been known to live by for generations. In the same manner the family of God is set apart from the world because of the peculiar virtues it inherits from the Father. The Scriptures call this royal Priesthood a "peculiar people", peculiar because they are a special people sanctified or set apart by God for a divine purpose. The Scriptures also tell us that the Father of this family of peculiar people is holy. Therefore the members of His family are to be holy just like Him.

The Holy Ghost is speaking to you and me, dear Saint of the Most High, that as we *return* to the Father and His family we are to return to our family virtues and in practice begin to be the righteousness of God, the salt of the earth, and the light of God in this dark world. Apostle Peter in his 2^{nd} epistle admonished us by saying:

"And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

This dear apostle of the Lamb is speaking to us by the Holy Ghost to, with all diligence, add 'God's family virtues' to the faith that we already have. Faith has brought us into the family of God and we have been justified and made at peace with God. Our righteousness or right standing with God is impeccable; we cannot be any more righteous than we are and we have unrestricted access to the throne of Almighty God for Christ has perfectly atoned for us by His blood.

However, what the Holy Ghost is talking to us about in this chapter is a different issue. It is not concerning our right standing with God, which we obtained freely by grace through faith, but concerning the fruit that we are to bear as a result of the life of God inside us. Peter admonishes us to, with all earnestness, add virtue to our faith. To these, he said we should add knowledge, and temperance, and patience, and godliness, and kindness, and finally to add God's kind of love. He emphatically stated that if all these be in us and abound, they will make us fruitful in "knowing God". We will

become one of those men that the Scriptures tell us walked with God. This is the ultimate goal.

Peter also stated here that if we fail to add these things to our faith and hence lack them, we are sure to be blind or short-sighted, and unable to realize that we have been completely cleansed and delivered from sin. He solemnly admonished us to pursue godliness and our family virtues to make our calling and election sure.

"Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2Pe 1:5-11).

As stated in the opening paragraph, every family is characterized by its 'family value', usually dictated by the head of that family. The body of Christ forms the family of God and our family values are from the character of our Almighty Father.

God is Love. He is the high and lofty One *that inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy*. He is holy, just, faithful and true. He is kind, merciful, and patient. God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all.

Do you see what the Holy Ghost is saying in this prophetic declaration that "*ye shall return*"? He is declaring to you and me that as we hear this trumpet sounding, we are to return-everyone to the Father and to the family character. The Lord lesus said concerning you and me in Matthew 5:14:

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a

bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

The body of Christ, you and me--the called-out ones--are God's lights that He has placed in this dark world to shine for Him. When Christ was in the world, He was the Light of the world; indeed *He is the true light that lightens everyone that comes into the world;* but now that He is gone into heaven, we, His ambassadors are His light bearers to the world.

You are the light of God in your city or village; you are the light in your office or wherever you work. You are the light in your classroom among your classmates or on the football field among your teammates. God has set you there to shine forth for Him that He might be glorified.

He does not want to hide you under a bushel; He wants to display you for the world to see, a guiding light in the midst of thick darkness. Are you going to make God proud? As He places you on the lamp stand and brags about you before the world; are you going to make Him proud of you like Job, and Daniel, and Abraham? Are you going to shine for Him and expose the works of darkness? This is why the Spirit is causing this trumpet to sound: "ye shall return".

Don't you know that you are the hope of the people of the world? For the whole world lives and walks in gross darkness. Walk therefore in your calling. "That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world (Phil 2:15). For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light" (Eph 5:8).

You must therefore let your light shine to give them light; for unto this ministry you have been called; for God has ordained you to be the light unto the world. Thus says the Lord:

"I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth" (Act 13:47).

Dear saint, what are you going to do about this? Are you going to conform yourself to the darkness of this world or are you going to shine forth as the light wherever you are and in whatever assignment or profession you are in? Without doubt in order to fulfill the prophecy and commission above and be for salvation unto the ends of the earth, you must first be a light. Our light must first shine for the world to see. He has ordained you and me as light unto the Gentiles. He has placed us where we are so that He might show the world the difference between the "day" and the night, and to teach them the difference between the holy and the profane and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean (Ezek 44:23).

The Scriptures tell us that, in the beginning, during creation "God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years."

You are the lights that God has set in this world, spiritually in "the firmament of the heavens" to be for signs on the earth. You, the "ekklesia", are the signs for the seasons and days and years. The world must watch you, for it is through you the world can tell the time, know the calendar of this present age, and the advent of the world to come. You are the lights of Jehovah, the lights that He set in the firmament to divide the day from the night.

In the twelfth chapter of the book of Daniel the Scriptures declare that "they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of

the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever" (Dan 12:3). You are the brightness in the firmament; you are the children of the day and your presence brings light and righteousness to the people of the world. Keep shining dear ones, keep exposing the works of darkness; "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Eph 5:11).

We must, however, understand that the Lord Jesus Christ is the source of the light that we are to shine forth in the world. He is the Sun of Righteousness with healings in His wings. The Church has no light of her own but reflects the true light that originates from her Lord, just as the Moon has no light of her own but that which she obtains from the Sun. We, the Church, are His light reflectors and light bearers to the world; the living Epistles written by God to be read by all men. We must let Him shine through us for the Scripture says that "the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee."

James, our brother, and the natural half-brother of the Lord called Jehovah God the "Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (Jam 1:17). The Church, the body of Christ, is composed of millions and billions of individual lights born by the Father of lights and sent forth to shine as lights in this world.

Dear Saint, you are the light of the world if Christ the hope of glory and Sun of righteousness is in you. You are not the source, He, the Sun of righteousness is the source, but you are a vessel that houses the Light. Therefore let that Light shine forth from inside you to the world.

Yes, we must walk in the Light, this wonderful Light. We must abide in Him, walk as He walked and be His disciples

indeed. For He is now telling us that as He was the Light of the world, so also are we now the lights of the world and God our Father has become "the Father of lights". He is now commanding us to let our light shine.

In the same passage of Scripture above taken from the fifth chapter of Matthew, the Lord Jesus said concerning us:

"Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt has lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men."

Not only has He ordained us as 'the lights' of the world, He has also re-created us to be the *salt of the earth*. The Church, the body of Christ, the assembly of the called-out ones or the "ekklesia" is the *light of the world* and *salt of the earth*. What is the purpose of salt? Yes it is for adding savor to food, but more importantly, it is for preservation. It preserves from decay.

The world system and the earth are tending towards decay and the "ekklesia" is her only hope. You are the salt of the earth in your community to prevent corruption and preserve her from decay. You are not to contribute to and patronize the decay but to act as the salt of God in the earth.

Would it not be sad if the salt that is meant to savor and prevent decay loses its savor or saltiness? That will be a tragic and hopeless situation. The Lord Jesus continued by asking that same question. He asked: "if the salt becomes insipid, wherewith shall it be salted?" He concluded by saying that salt that has lost its savor is no longer fit for anything but to be cast out and to be trodden under foot of men.

You are the salt of your land where you live. You are the sweetener and preservative that God planted in your

community to prevent decay and corruption. You are not to lose the savor or the flavor that you were designed to give. You are the hope of the land where He has planted you. But if we whom God has ordained as the salt should loose our saltiness, Jesus said we are of no use to that community but are to be trodden under the feet of men. God forbid.

The word of the Lord is coming to you today by the Spirit of prophecy, that you are to return to our family and to the family virtue; to being the light of the world and the salt of the earth. It is when we return to our ministry as the salt that the land can be totally healed. Thus says the Lord to His people:

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land (2 Chr 7:14).

It should not surprise you that God was not directing the message in this Scripture to the people of the land. He was not asking the unbelievers, the corrupt politicians, the idol worshippers, the atheists, or the people of the other religions of our nation to repent. He said: "*if my people*". The key to the healing of our land is in the hands of the people that are called by His Name. His people are to return to Him, return to righteousness, turn from their wicked ways, and seek His face. Then He will hear from heaven and heal their land.

We must return to Him and seek Him in fasting and prayer and turn from all our wicked ways and the Lord will us hear from heaven and heal our land economically, politically, socially, and spiritually. This is the will of God concerning us.

All our ministering and sacrifices are good but first and foremost God desires that we return unto Him in truth and sincerity, living as the lights of the world and as the salt of the earth, and being holy even as He, our Father is holy. We cannot make up for these by sacrifices and offerings and being very busy for God. We cannot bribe Him by building towers for His name or with any form of charity or religious service whatsoever; we must do His will to be accepted.

He is looking for those who would return to Him and please Him in their walk of obedience and right living; those who will go forth and shine as light in the midst of this perverse and crooked generation: those whom He can call His friend, like Abraham; those to whom He can reveal His secrets, like Daniel; and those He can brag about, like Job.

Dear ones, God has many servants today, many good servants who are carrying out His commands, but I wonder how many of us He can call His friends or His beloved companions. You can make a quality decision to be His close friend.

When the Lord Jesus was here on earth, He was in perfect fellowship with the Father for every moment of His earthly walk. He perfectly followed the will of the Father. No wonder the heavens were opened unto Him and the voice of God came out of heaven testifying concerning Him saying: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." The voice clearly said that in the man Christ Jesus, God has found complete and total delight. Why is this? Let hear what the book of Hebrews tells us:

"Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure.

Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God" (Heb 10:5-7).

We know that the Lord Jesus came as our Savior and Redeemer. He is the Anointed One, who came full of the Holy Ghost and power. He healed the sick, raised the dead, and walked in His humanity in the realm of the supernatural. But what did He say His ultimate goal and mission was in Heb 10:5 above? He said:

"Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God."

He came to do the will of the Father. Many were busy inside and around the temple, with sacrifices, offerings, and rituals (which, by the way, God ordained) laboring day and night and knowing not that God has no delight in them; for God's delight is *in the body* which He has prepared. God is interested in living in His holy Temple, the Tabernacle not made with hands. He is interested only in the sacrifices, offerings, and incense offered unto Him in this new Tabernacle and they rise before Him as a sweet smelling savor. This was the sacrifices and offerings that Jesus of Nazareth offered unto God while He walked the earth.

No wonder God spoke with a loud voice from heaven testifying that in Christ He has found His total delight. I wonder how much delight God really has in all our structured church system and our sacrifices and offerings today?

Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame (1Co 15:34).

The Spirit of God is beckoning to you and me this day and hour to return to our heritage as holy saints of God. To come out from among them and be separate, set apart, sanctified unto our holy God. This is what the Scriptures call *the knowledge of God*. The knowledge of God is in walking with God and being transformed to be like Him in our everyday

life. It is not in abundant head knowledge of the word of God, neither is it necessarily with experiencing external miracles and signs and wonders, but in becoming like Him, manifesting the divine fruits of the spirit, shining as light in the world, and being the salt of the earth.

"Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? Let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace" (Jam 3:8-18).

As we return to the walk of righteousness and true holiness, we will begin to reap the fruit of right living. Apostle James tells us in the above passage above that there is a fruit of righteousness which is sown in peace by peacemakers. The opening passage tells us that the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever. There is a peace like a river that is associated with right living, a spiritual quietness that cannot be perturbed, and an everlasting assurance. The trumpet is sounding; let us return.

Chapter 4

to your inheritance

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you" (I Peter 1:3-4).

how refreshing is this revelation presented to us through Apostle Peter in the first Chapter of his epistle. Peter said that God the Father of our Lord has given birth to us again unto a 'living hope'. He said that we have been born unto an inheritance that is incorruptible, that is undefiled, and that cannot fade away. Blessed be GOD our Father forevermore. He continued by saying that this incorruptible, never fading inheritance is reserved in heaven for us.

There are two important messages in this verse that we must meditate upon before we proceed in this chapter. First, we know that gold, which is one of the most precious metals here on earth, is corruptible; it will fade and perish with time under the elements of the earth. But the inheritance that God has reserved for us is much more precious than gold. It is an enduring treasure and enduring riches as the described in book of Proverbs (Prov 8:18). It is an everlasting inheritance.

The second important message in this passage that we often misunderstand, to our detriment, is the phrase *reserved in heaven for you.* We invariably, most of the time, quickly understand this as meaning that we cannot benefit from this inheritance until we "get to heaven".

The passage says that the inheritance is reserved for us in heaven; that is: the inheritance whereof we speak is kept in heaven for us and not kept on earth "where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal". This phrase does not imply that we do not have access to our inheritance right now.

Where is our inheritance? It is reserved for us in our country, heaven, for "our citizenship is in heaven; whence also we wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Phil 3:20). We have unrestricted access to heaven because we are her citizens. We do not need a passport or a visa to access our inheritance; we belong there. We are native born citizens of heaven and our inheritance is reserved for us in our country.

This inheritance is for us in the NOW. We are to start partaking in the inheritance of the Saints in light right now. We are to constantly draw from our heavenly account for divine health in our physical bodies, financial provision and prosperity, mental soundness and prosperity, God's rest and peace that passes all understanding, and for daily spiritual victory, prosperity, and constant refreshing communion with the Father.

The inheritance is for us in the NOW and for all eternity. Therefore let us **return** to our inheritance, for the trumpet of Jubilee has sounded.

Return my children, return to your inheritance
Return ye citizens of heaven, return
Return to your country
The trumpet has been blown; it's your Jubilee
Return to your family, return to your inheritance

Return my children, return to your heritage You are not earth-bound, you're from heaven above Check yourselves out in the mirror; See, see you are not earthbound!

The chickens are earth bound, the goats are from below But you are not of them; you have no portion among them

Return O' eagle, return to your heritage
Mount up your wings and begin to fly
You are not earth-bound, you're heaven-born
Return to your heritage, begin to soar
For you're an eagle and the heritage of the eagles is in the heavens

Dearly beloved, this is a trumpet call to everyone who is an heir of the kingdom of God to return to his/her inheritance and to his/her heritage in God. The ordinance set in place by Jehovah ELYON, the possessor of heaven and earth, is that when this trumpet of Jubilee is blown, everyone will return to his family; each one should return to his dwelling place, his inheritance and heritage in God.

The trumpet of our Jubilee was blown by the Lord Jesus as written in Luke 4:18 (Isaiah 61) and it's being reechoed since

then through his holy apostles and prophets. The proclamation has gone out in all the earth and the sound of it has been heard in all nations.

The Holy Spirit is therefore commanding us to RETURN to our inheritance and to our heritage in God. Like the prodigal son remembered, when he was hungry and had nothing to eat, we are to return to our Father's house--not to eat the crumbs under the table, but to eat the surplus at His royal table.

Return to the Table

"And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee" (Luke 15:17-18).

The prodigal son in the above passage came to himself and remembered that he needed not live in want and in hunger when there is surplus supply of bread at his father's table. So he made a quality decision to return to his father in repentance. He remembered that his father had enough to feed his family and his hired servants and even more to spare.

Our Father has plenty of bread on the table. We must therefore return to His table and enjoy our portion. What kind of food is on His table? All the food groups necessary to make for a balanced diet, and produce a super-healthy overcomer is on the table set for us. Let's hear what the Lord said concerning one of the food items on the table for the children of the King:

"But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour" (Matt 15:26-28).

Here the Lord Jesus indicates to us that one of the food items set for us, the 'children', at God's Table is HEALING. He indicates that "healing is the children's bread"; and from what we see in this passage, there is so much of it that even the crumbs was more than enough to heal the daughter of this Syrophenician woman.

Healing is on the Father's Table. Mental soundness and wellness are there. Peace that passes all understanding and "REST" are on the table. Financial prosperity and success in this life are on the Father's Table; and the table has been set for us.

"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over" (Psa 23:5).

Return to the table dear ones, reach out your hands and partake at the table of the Lord. Don't worry about the enemies all around; ignore them; keep your eyes on the table and on your Father who is seated at the head of the table. There is plenty of food on the table for everyone. There is milk, there is living water, there is new wine, there is bread, there is corn, there is meat and there is strong meat. Hold your cup out and He will fill it until it overflows. There is oil also, anointing oil, at the table, with which the Father anoints the children. What are you waiting for? *Return*.

The trumpet of Jubilee brings restoration to the children of God and this is your trumpet sounding; this is your year of Jubilee. Every child of God shall return, according to Leviticus 25:13. For "In the year of this jubilee ye shall return every man unto his possession." **Ye shall return** to possessing

everything that once belonged to you. It is important to note that when the trumpet of Jubilee sounds, we are to repossess, not just some, or a few, or most of our possessions, but ALL. We are to return and repossess everything that originally belonged to us.

We must return to every inheritance that belongs to us in Christ Jesus. We shall not leave any property unclaimed; for we have heard the sound of the trumpet and we shall return to our inheritance and to our heritage in Jehovah. Yes, we shall;

Return To Faith

Return To Righteousness and True Holiness

Return To Submission To The Lordship and Kinship of Christ

Return To The Leading of the Holy Ghost

Return To God's Kind of Love

Return To the Sincerity and Innocence of Faith

Return To Seeking The Kingdom of God and its Righteousness

Return To The Zeal of His House

Return To The Blood of The Lamb

Return To Full Manifestations of The Holy Ghost

Return To our Heritage.

Let's return, for it is the year of Jubilee,
Let's return to fasting and prayer, seeking His Face
Let's return to Faith, the just shall live by faith
Let's return to Holiness, for our Father is holy
Let's return to our Pentecostal heritage
Let's return to Love and to the faith of our fathers

Chapter 5

to your possession

But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions (Oba 1:17).

he revelation of this trumpet and the year of Jubilee is many-sided and its significance to us, the spiritual Israel, (the circumcision of the heart) is manifold.

It not only speaks of our present liberation from slavery and our deliverance from addiction and satanic oppression, but also of the complete restoration of our possessions both in the now and in the future.

This present message is concerning our personal Jubilee, a foretaste of the great blessings and manifestation kept for us in the unveiling of the final end-time trumpet of Jubilee. This one is concerning the trumpet sounding at this very hour, the trumpet of personal Jubilee for you and me.

The year of Jubilee is a Sabbath of restoration. It is a special year among seven special years and its climax was the great Day of Atonement. On this day, as trumpets are sounding throughout the land of Israel, two unprecedented once-in-alifetime events begin to happen. All Hebrew slaves are set free and properties are returned to their original owners.

If a man became poor and loses all or part of his land; on this day, his land will return to him. This is because Jehovah, the God of Israel, the Possessor of heaven and earth, becomes the underwriter of all debts on this day which incidentally coincides with the great Day of Atonement. At the sound of the trumpet of Jubilee, every slave becomes a freeman and once again repossesses all his inheritance.

The Most High God instituted this ordinance in Leviticus 25. God commanded Israel that on the tenth day of the seventh month, the Day of Atonement, they were to blow the trumpet everywhere throughout the land. They were to consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. "It shall be a jubilee for you," He said, and "ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family."

The thirteenth verse of Leviticus 25 repeats the message thus: "In the year of this jubile ye shall return every man unto his possession." Strong Dictionary of Biblical words renders the meaning of this word "possession", used in this passage, translated from the Hebrew word 'achuzzah' (Strong #272) as meaning 'a seized possession' such as land.

The God of Israel designed the Jubilee year for His people, who, through poverty or other adverse circumstances, had forfeited their personal liberty and/or property. He ordained this special year as a year of Restoration. It is a year that every captive, every slave, and every debtor looks forward to; it is a year of restoration when they are freed and can

return to their original possession. It is a year when they know that by grace, Jehovah will underwrite their debts for them and they will repossess their original possessions.

On that day, every slave and every debtor that had his land seized was freed and his debts forgiven. They were restored to their families and inheritance, forgiven as freely and fully as God on that very day (of atonement) forgave the debts of his people and restored them to perfect fellowship with himself. As the trumpets were being blown, slaves were saying goodbye to their masters, prison doors were opening and prisoners were singing and shouting as they leapt out of the iron gates. It was the Day of Atonement in the Year of Jubilee.

By this revelation of the trumpet of Jubilee, God is prophesying to the universe that a day is coming when final trumpet of Jubilee will sound and man will return to his original inheritance and to his original possessions.

Beloved of God, can't you hear the trumpet sound at this hour? It is the trumpet of our Jubilee. Let this be a year of personal Jubilee for you, your year of liberation and of RESTORATION. A Jubilee of the entire creation is coming (Rom 8:21); but this one is a personal Jubilee for you.

Whatever the slave-master has taken from you, or is withholding from you, which was yours, is to be restored to you. Whatever the evil one has stolen from you, including that which you gave him the right to steal and to seize-whether spiritual, mental, or material possession--are yours to take back. Even if it was due to your fault as you hear the trumpet of Jubilee sounding, the Lord, the Most High God (JEHOVAH ELYON), the Possessor of heaven and earth, is telling you that you are free and you SHALL return to your possession.

The slave-master has no choice but to release your possessions for it is your year of Jubilee. He cannot keep you enslaved to any form of bondage or addiction except if you want it to be so. All debts are forgiven by Jehovah, all slaves are free, all homes are restored to their rightful owners in the year of Jubilee. Therefore...

Throw down your tools, son,
Your term of servitude is over,
Shake off the chains,
The shackles has been unlocked,
Open up the door,
Step out of the prison gate,
You're free, as of right now!

Can't you hear the trumpet of Jubilee?

Go home to your family, and sit under your vine and under your fig tree.

What rightfully belonged to you is really yours.

Return and possess your possessions.

Chapter 6

to God's rest

"There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God

For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief" (Heb 4:9-11).

he trumpet of Jubilee, as we discussed in the previous chapters, is a proclamation of liberation which brings release, refreshing, reunion, restoration and REST to the people of God. I perceive that because of the temperature of the hour and the multi-dimensional instabilities and chaos in the world in this age, the Spirit of God is beckoning to us, His Children, to "come in" and enter INTO HIS REST and cease from our struggles.

I perceive in my spirit an urge to share with the people of God on the revelation of the "rest" that God our Father has prepared for us to experience in the HERE and NOW. Yes, I know there is a REST coming for us and a great FEAST of Tabernacles ahead of us in the DAY of the Lord; but there is a Rest prepared for the Saints right NOW, even during this wilderness journey. There is a Rest for you today as you go through your day-to-day occupation either as a Pilot, a Construction worker, Nurse, Taxi-Driver, Software Developer, Cook, Surgeon, Lawyer, Pastor, Student, Engineer, or any profession under heaven. God has prepared a place of Rest for you, a Sabbath of Rest. This Sabbath is not a day of the week but a realm, a spiritual plane of experience that you can reach and abide in today.

"For there remaineth a **Rest** for the people of God"

This passage of scripture has echoed in my spirit for more than twenty years, but I could not find words to explain what was spiritually burning on the inside of me. I remember giving several messages on this in the days in the late seventies and early eighties in Ibadan Varsity Christian Union and in Kwara Brethren conferences where I attempted to convey the "burden" or "message" in my spirit on this "place of rest" and in the end I would feel that I had not succeeded in getting the message across. I lack the words to convey this message, even today. However, I will just 'rest' in this hour and rely on the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation to do His work for it is He, the Anointing, that teaches. He is the Revealer of the Father and the only One who can unveil unto us the things of God to us. The things which "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man," even the things which the Father has prepared for His loved ones.

"And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a Jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family."

This is the trumpet of Jubilee. As we discussed in the previous message, in this year of Jubilee there is release, there is liberation, there is reunion, there is restoration, and there is REST. There is return to family and property, celebration and

feasting, provision and plenty, peace and Rest. The people of God enter into a realm where they rest in their God and celebrate "under their vine and under their fig tree." It is a Sabbath of Sabbaths.

The book of Hebrews, which we call the book of "better things", declares to us that there still remains a rest for us. The Holy Spirit, in this book, teaches us that the land of Canaan that was given to the Israelites was not the real place of Rest, but only a type and a shadow of the real. Joshua himself was a type and shadow of Yeshua, the Lord Jesus Christ. The prosperity, peace, and the rest that Israel finaly entered into during the reign of Solomon, the son of David, was only a type and shadow of the splendor, the prosperity, the peace, and the rest that we will experience when the true Son of David, "the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David" sits upon the throne of His Father. For "of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end" It is made clear to us in this book that Joshua did not give them rest and that God was really speaking of another day.

"For if Joshua had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God."

Without any doubt there still remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. What does it mean to enter into this Rest? To enter His rest is to have no concern. It is to completely let go and fall into His Arms as when a person who is standing alongside of a bed falls backward, "with careless abandon", into the bed totally relaxed because he knows the bed is there to catch him. So it is with our rest in God. We let go knowing that He is there for us. This, however, is not as easy for us as it sounds, for man is addicted to wanting to do it himself. This is the problem with religion. The religious man cannot accept grace--he must work for it; but God says it's all by grace through faith. To enter His Rest requires faith in the works of Christ. This might be easier

for a small child since children are better than us adults in simple trust. This requires our disregarding the loud voices of sense-knowledge and totally trusting His words. We enter this Rest by faith and by faith alone. Young's Literal translation renders this Hebrews passage as:

"There doth remain, then, a sabbatic rest to the people of God, For he who did enter into his rest, he also rested from his works, as God from His own."

To enter into His rest is to relax in the Lord even in the midst of the storms of life--to relax in His everlasting Arms in the midst of economic recession even when the company stock price has fallen from \$100 to \$5 and there is panic, confusion, and anticipation all around. To rest is not to deny the presence of the storm, neither is it presumption but an active obedience and total reliance on His words. It requires faith. It is knowing that He is with us and that He will deliver us. To rest is to abide in the revelation knowledge (like David) and faith that:

"God is the strength of my life and my portion forever".

It is to "dwell in the secret place of the Most High and to abide under the shadow of the Almighty." To inhabit, tarry in, and remain in His presence. To tarry in His presence to such a degree that we are no longer drawn out of there. This is the ultimate goal and the place where the trumpet of Jubilee is meant to bring us. It is to bring us to our permanent place of Rest where we tabernacle with God—a realm where we presently walk by faith and cease from all agitation, from all panic and fear, all struggle, and even more important, where we cease from all our works and rest on the completed work of Christ.

The Jubilee is a Sabbath of complete rest; a total cessation from all our labor and a complete reliance on His. It is resting in the provision of that Great Shepherd who sets a table before us and our cups overflow. His Rest is a place of abundance, a place of relaxation, and a place of celebration. It is a place of family reunion where the family celebrates abundance.

But how do I enter into this rest in the midst of the turmoil and chaos of my daily life? How practical, someone might ask, is this when you have to go to work in the secular world where everyone around you is in a state of frenzy and there is confusion and every evil work? We are to, with due diligence, labor in the word and walk in the spirit so as to dwell in this spiritual place of rest even when we are at work in the secular world. The storm of life cannot remove us from this place of rest if we plan to remain there. The Lord Jesus demonstrated this to His disciples.

They were in a ship and there arose a great storm beating hard on the ship and the disciples were in total panic and thought they were going to perish. But the Lord Jesus was in the ship - "resting". He was asleep in the rear of the ship. When they woke Him up, He rebuked the winds and waves and they obeyed Him. Then "He said unto them: Why are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith?" The Lord dwelt in that realm of rest while He was here, and this realm is absolutely available for us today. There are Saints of the Most High that experience this realm in our day, but need to abide and make a permanent abode there. So, how do we enter into that rest? The Scripture says:

"Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief" (Heb 4:11 KJV).

Our part in this is to take God at His word. We must hearken to His word; believe and act upon it. We must operate on ourselves with the word to replace sense-knowledge with revelation knowledge until we are full of faith. We must labor to enter into that Rest. However, this labor is a labor of faith. It is a fight of faith and not a carnal dutiful labor. It is then we will be able to hold our peace and see the Lord fight for us. The Anointed One

has sounded the trumpet of Jubilee, and it is still reverberating today throughout the land.

As you hear the reverberation of this Jubilee trumpet, the Spirit of God is declaring to you this day and hour, that the time is come for you to enter into His rest.

Are you agitated, worried, and confused? The Lord says, "Come and receive rest for your soul".

Are you encumbered with loads of care, stressed-out and stretched-out by life and by your struggles and from carrying the heavy burden by yourself?

He says: "Cast all your cares upon me".

And again He says, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

Dear co-heirs, we must enter into His Rest for there lies our survival in this perilous hour. We have no choice if we must be partakers with the overcomers. We must not only enter into His Rest, we must "dwell and abide" there. As the army of God intensifies bombardment and assault on the gates of hell, this end-time, the storming and counter-attacks on the world of humanity from our adversary will increase. We therefore must dwell in the secret place of the Most High and must abide in the shadow of the Almighty. We, the Saints of the Most High, must enter into His rest and cease from all struggles.

My confession:

"God, You are the strength of my life and my portion forever You will fight for me and I will hold my peace, for I am entering into Your Rest and ceasing from my wrestling; I am dwelling in Your secret place, O' Most High and Abiding in Your shadow, Lord God Almighty;

By my faith in the completed work of my Lord Jesus,
I am entering into Your Rest, casting all my cares upon You;
Casting all my heavy burden upon You, I take Your yoke,
For Your yoke is easy, Your burden is light;
I will rest in quietness and confidence upon Your divine Word;

I shall not be afraid, for You have given me, The Spirit of Love, of power, and of a sound mind

GOD, You have privately said to me:

"Never will I leave you;
"Never will I forsake you;
"I am your JEHOVAH-SHAMAH";
"I am always there for you"

So with confidence I say:

"The Lord is my helper I will not be afraid What can man do unto me?"

I make a quality decision that
I will stay in the spirit and pray in the spirit when I am weary,
For this is the Rest wherein You will cause the weary to rest and

This is the refreshing

I confess that no weapons fashioned against me shall prosper and Every tongue that rises against me in judgment shall be condemned

For You, O God, are my righteousness and my defender Therefore, I will cease from ALL my worries and struggle;

For He that is entered into His Rest, the same hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His.

Chapter 7

to your ministry

In the earlier chapters of this book, dear Saint, we began to ponder on this great Jubilee that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Anointed One, proclaimed for us at the beginning of His ministry. The Scriptures tell us that as He entered the Temple on the Sabbath day they delivered unto him the book of the prophet Isaiah. When he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to reach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

He read the passage, and when He read up to the phrase "the acceptable year of the Lord", He deliberately stopped reading in the middle of the sentence, after a comma, in Isaiah 61:2 and closed the book. He stopped, "closed the book, and gave it again to the minister, and sat down".

The Scriptures then tell us that "the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears" (Luke 4:18-21).

He closed the book and sat down

Why did he stop reading in the middle of the sentence of the prophecy of Isaiah? Why did He not proceed to read "and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn"? Why did He not read the rest of the prophecy? Is the reason related to the fact that the rest of the prophecy is to be fulfilled in the future and not 2000 years ago when He read the passage? For He began to say unto them, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears."

Two thousand years ago our Lord did His part. He proclaimed the Year of Jubilee, went about doing good, teaching, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil. Afterwards, He went to the cross, shed His blood, and became the atoning sacrifice for us. He died, was buried, went into the domain of death and overcame them; He defeated both death and the devil and arose from the dead victorious. After this He, with His own blood, went into the throne of God as our High Priest, on the Day of Atonement, and made an eternal atonement for us. For the Scripture says that

"Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us" (Heb 9:12).

You recall, in the earlier Chapters of this book we shared that God told the children of Israel to blow the trumpet of Jubilee on the great Day of Atonement, on the tenth day of the seventh month of the fiftieth year. On that day every slave

and every debtor, was to be freed, and his debts forgiven. They were to be restored to their families and inheritance. They were to be forgiven as freely and fully as God on that very day forgave the debts of all his people and restored them to perfect fellowship with Himself. The Lord Jesus, our High Priest obtained eternal redemption, complete deliverance and emancipation for us. He proclaimed our JUBILEE on the "DAY of ATONEMENT" when He entered the Holy of Holies with His Blood "once and for all" for us. He obtained complete redemption and announced Jubilee for humanity. He proclaimed it and fulfilled it; then He closed the book and sat down.

"Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, SAT DOWN on the right hand of the Majesty on high" (Heb 1:3).

Another Scripture in Ephesians tells us that God Almighty highly exalted Him and SAT Him at His own right hand in heavenly places far above all principalities, power, dominion, and every name that is named. For "to which of the angels said He at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom."

"But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, SAT DOWN on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool."

After completing our redemption and proclaimed our Jubilee, He closed the book and sat down. He sat down at the right hand of God Almighty, "waiting till His enemies be made his footstool". What does this mean? Through whom is God going to subdue the enemies of Christ? Let's read this revelation from another place in Scripture, from Psalm 110. Listen to

David speaking about what He overheard from the throne room by the Spirit of prophecy:

"The LORD said unto my Lord, SIT thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies. Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth."

The Lord Jesus Christ is the HEAD. The Head of the Church is seated in heaven. His feet are on earth and walk the earth. We are His feet, His "beautiful feet" with which He walks on the earth proclaiming GOOD NEWS. Isaiah presents it perfectly saying:

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the FEET of HIM that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!" (Isa 52:7).

He closed the book and sat down. He is sitting at the right hand of God and the rest of the responsibility belongs to the Overcomers, the Branch, the Anointed Ones at the end-time. The enemies of Christ will be subdued and brought under His feet by these Ones in the day of His power. For God said to Christ in the same place:

"Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power..."

Can you see what God is saying here? The rest of the prophecy in Isaiah 61 will be fulfilled by His people, the Church, or specifically the subset of the Church called (in the book of Revelation) the Overcomers, or the Anointed Ones at the end-time. These Anointed Ones have the same anointing as the Head of the Church and carry on His ministry of Isaiah 61, for they are members of His body and part of Him. He is the Vine, they are His branches, they are His "servant, the

Branch" (Zech 3:8). The branches have no life of their own, no power of their own, no anointing of their own, but draw life, power and anointing from the Vine and therefore their anointing is the same as His and the glory belongs to Him. They are the planting of the Lord that "He might be glorified".

Now we can see why the Lord Jesus cut the prophecy of Isaiah 61 that He read in the Synagogue in half. It is plain to see that the rest of the prophecy is to be fulfilled by the sons of God coming after Him in a Jubilee ministry. He left the rest of the responsibility to us and the anointing to perform it. We are, in due time, to continue that Jubilee ministry for we are His seed that prolong His days (Isa 53:10). We are His feet that carry the good news to the meek, to the captives, to the imprisoned, and to the oppressed. The body of Christ on earth are the feet of Him that proclaim Good News, that proclaim the year of God's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God and comfort all that mourn. The Anointed Ones are called to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto

them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; so that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of Jehovah, that he may be glorified. These Anointed Ones shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

Through these Anointed Ones, the Overcomer's company, the Joel's End-time army, God will subdue the enemy of Christ and make the enemy a stool for His feet. The Anointed Ones will overcome and put the "feet of Christ" on the necks of the enemy, just like Joshua (a type of our Yashua, the Lord Jesus Christ) did to the five kings of Canaan that fought against Israel when they came to the land of promise. In Joshua10:24-25 we read:

"And it came to pass, when they brought out those kings unto Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said unto the captains of the men of war which went with him, Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings.

And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of them. And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight." Amen

Again in Jeremiah 1:10, God said to the Overcomers: "See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant." What this means is that the Almighty God has told our Lord Jesus to SIT at His right hand until... Until when?

Until all His enemies have been subdued under His feet, that is subdued under the Church, not just under the part of the Church that is already in heaven, but under the Church here on earth, His feet that are upon the earth... GLORY TO GOD!!

The Almighty God said unto our Lord Jesus, "Sit at my right hand until I make thy enemies thy footstool" Therefore the heavens will continue to keep the Lord Jesus until that time. This is what the Holy Spirit was speaking through Peter after the miracle at the beautiful gate. The Holy Ghost said:

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began" (Act 3:20 –21).

The International Standard version of the Bible renders verse 21 as: "Heaven must receive him until the time of universal

restoration that God announced long ago through the voice of his holy prophets." The heavens must receive Him until the times of restoration of all things, when all His enemies have been subdued and the final trumpet of Jubilee, of the Restoration of all things is sounded for the whole of creation.

Therefore Beloved, knowing all these things, what manner of persons ought we to be in all holy conversation, fervent zeal, and godliness. Know that our Lord is counting on us to take up this great ministry. The same Spirit that was upon Him when He read that Isaiah prophecy is upon us, and it is our turn; "it is our course and the stage is set for us" to go forth and re-echo this trumpet of Jubilee that He first proclaimed. As He commanded, we must "make this trumpet sound throughout all the land".

Rise Up therefore, Saints of the Most High to your ministry for the Spirit of the Lord is upon you and He has anointed you:

- ...to bring good news to the meek,
- ...to heal the brokenhearted,
- ...to set free those that are oppressed,
- ...to announce release to the captives,
- ...to bring freedom to those in prison,
- ...to proclaim the year of God's favor,
- ...to give joy and gladness to those who mourn,
- ...to proclaim that the time has come for the Lord to save His people,
- ...to give joy and gladness to those who mourn,
- ...to give a song of praise instead of sorrow,
- ...so we and they can become trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, THAT HE MIGHT BE GLORIFIED. Amen