



God's social justice and our response (Part 1)

LUKE 4:18-21

Luke and Isaiah comparison

The Spirit of the LORD
is upon Me,
Because He has
anoointed Me
To preach the gospel to
the poor;
He has sent Me to heal
the brokenhearted,

Luke 4:18-21

The spirit of the Lord GOD
is upon me,
because the LORD has
anoointed me;
he has sent me to bring
good news to the
oppressed,
to bind up the
brokenhearted,

Isaiah 61 :1

Luke and Isaiah comparison

And recovery of sight
to the blind,

To set at liberty those
who are oppressed;

19 To proclaim the
acceptable year of the
LORD.”

21 And He began to say to
them, “Today this
Scripture is fulfilled in your
hearing”

to proclaim liberty
to the captives,
and release to the
prisoners;

to proclaim the
year of the LORD’s favor,
and the

day of vengeance of
our God;

² When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples ³ to ask him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?”

⁴ Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: ⁵ The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. ⁶ Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.”

Matthew 11:2-6

The Year of Jubilee

8 ““Count off seven sabbath years—seven times seven years—so that the seven sabbath years amount to a period of forty-nine years. 9 Then have the trumpet sounded everywhere on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement sound the trumpet throughout your land. 10 Consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you; each of you is to return to your family property and to your own clan...

Leviticus 25:8-10

Sabbath, Sabbatical Year, Jubilee

Every 7th Day

Every 7th year

Every 50th Year

Sabbath

Sabbatical
Year

Jubilee

Year of the Jubilee



1. leaving the soil fallow
2. the remission of debts
3. the liberation of slaves
4. the return of each individual of his family's property

Sabbath Laws

¹⁰ “For six years you are to sow your fields and harvest the crops, ¹¹ but during the seventh year let the land lie unplowed and unused. Then the **poor among your people may get food from it**, and the **wild animals may eat what is left**. Do the same with your vineyard and your olive grove. ¹² “Six days do your work, but on the seventh day do not work, so that your ox and your donkey may **rest**, and so that the slave born in your household and the foreigner living among you may be refreshed.

¹³ “Be careful to do everything I have said to you.

The remission of debt

35 ““If any of your fellow Israelites become poor and are unable to support themselves among you, help them as you would a foreigner and stranger, so they can continue to live among you. **36** Do not take interest or any profit from them, but fear your God, so that they may continue to live among you. **37** You must not lend them money at interest or sell them food at a profit. **38** I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt to give you the land of Canaan and to be your God.

(Lev. 25:35-38)

15 At the end of every seven years you must cancel debts. ² This is how it is to be done: Every creditor shall cancel any loan they have made to a fellow Israelite. They shall not require payment from anyone among their own people, because the LORD's time for canceling debts has been proclaimed. ³ You may require payment from a foreigner, but you must cancel any debt your fellow Israelite owes you.

Deuteronomy 15:1-3

35 But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.

Luke 6:35

33 Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

Luke 12:33

¹² And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.'

¹⁴ For if you forgive other people when they sin
against you, your heavenly Father will also
forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive others
their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Matthew 6:12-15