**Acceptable Year of the Lord *(sjm 8-4-2024)***

**Luke 4:16** And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his **custom** was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

**17**And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, *(the message was no accident)*

**18The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, Why? *(no haphazard – a reason he was anointed)***

 Because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor;

 He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted

 To preach deliverance to the captives,

 Recovering of sight to the blind,

 To set at liberty them that are bruised,

 **19**To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

**20**And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

 **21**And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

 **22**And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth

**The anointing** is a concept in the Bible that refers to the Holy Spirit's presence in a believer's life, which allows them to understand, apply & share spiritual truth. It can also be described as God's grace and supernatural power that enables people to fulfill their divine purpose or calling

**Poor –** “Literally a Beggar”lacking in what you need to be successful in life

**Broken hearted –**Grief or disappointed or emotional pain: Discouragement

**Captives** – like a prisoner – confined: Kept within natural bounds

**Recovery of sight to the blind –** literal or spiritual

**To Set at Liberty them that are bruised** – Injured or emotionally hurt

**To Preach the accectable year of the Lord – -----**

**The "acceptable year of the Lord"** is a phrase from the Bible that refers to a period of time characterized by God's grace, redemption, and deliverance. It is also known as the "year of the LORD's favor"

**Jubilee Year in the Hebrew Tradition:** The book of Leviticus prescribes a special year, a Jubilee Year, in which debts would be remitted, lands restored to their original owners and the Liberation of slaves.

**A time of God’s Grace, Redemption & Deliverance & Approval**: The Year of Jubilee was a holy year that occurred every fiftieth year and was marked to start by the **blowing of a ram's horn, or yobhel (yog hill) in Hebrew,** which is where the word "jubilee" comes from. During this year, debts were canceled, slaves were freed, land was returned to its original owners, and everyone was given a fresh start in business. The Year of Jubilee was intended to be an antidote to poverty, slavery, and bondage, and to proclaim liberty to all people.  (is a time of economic, cultural, environmental, and communal reset

**Jesus was now proclaiming that it was no longer a special year but “ A way of life in the Spiritual realm in Jesus Christ”**

**Background information:**

**Lev 25:8** nd 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.

**9**Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubile 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.

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

**11**A jubile shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of thy vine undressed.

**12For it is the jubile; it shall be holy unto you: ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field.**

**13**In the year of this jubile ye shall return every man unto his possession.

 **18**‘Therefore you shall carry out My statutes and keep My ordinances and do them, so that you may live securely on the land. **19**Then the land will yield its produce, so that you can eat your fill and live securely on it. **20**And if you say, “What are we going to eat in the seventh year if we do not sow [seed] or gather in our crops?” **21**then [this is My answer:] I will order My [special] blessing for you in the sixth year, so that it will produce [sufficient] crops for three years. **22**When you are sowing the eighth year, you can still eat old things from the crops, eating the old until the ninth year when its crop comes in.