

## PREACHING GOOD TIDINGS.

### 1. THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME.

1. **(Isa 61:1 KJV)** The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;
2. **(Luke 4:18 KJV)** 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 preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,
3. ***How beautiful are the feet.***
  1. (Isa 52:7 KJV) 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!
  2. (Rom 10:15 KJV) And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!
4. ***Key issues.***
  1. Healing the broken hearted.
  2. Proclaiming liberty.
  3. Deliverance to captives.
  4. Bringing sight to the blind.

### 2. BRINGING SIGHT TO THE BLIND.

1. ***Physical blindness.***
  1. (Mat 9:28 KJV) And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. (Mat 9:29 KJV) Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you. (Mat 9:30 KJV) And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it.
  2. (Mat 11:2 KJV) Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, (Mat 11:3 KJV) And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? (Mat 11:4 KJV) Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see: (Mat 11:5 KJV) The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.
2. ***Spiritual blindness.***
  1. **Blind leading blind.** (Mat 15:14 KJV) Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.
  2. **Dealing with motes in our own eyes.**
    1. (Luke 6:41 KJV) And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy

brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye?  
 (Luke 6:42 KJV) Either how canst thou say to thy brother,  
 Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou  
 thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou  
 hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then  
 shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's  
 eye.

2. Must first deal with issues in our own lives.

### 3. LETTING THE OPPRESSED GO FREE.

#### 1. ***What is oppression?***

1. lachats, law-khats'; a prim. root; prop. to press, i.e. (fig.) to distress:--afflict, crush, force, hold fast, oppress (-or), thrust self.
2. The exercise of power and authority in a cruel or unjust manner.

#### 2. ***Forms of oppression.***

1. Keeping a person in captivity; keeping a person down; not allowing them to stand on their own two feet..
2. Keeping a person obligated to you.
3. Keeping a person under our influence or control.
  1. Depriving person of just dues.
  2. Taking advantage of a person=s misfortune.
  3. Keeping a person down instead of helping them up to make it on their own.
  4. Not allowing a person a second chance when they have failed.
  5. Keeping a controversy alive that keeps person under oppression.
    - (1) Reminding them of their failures.
    - (2) Not forgiving and forgetting.
4. Continued prejudices keep people oppressed.
  1. God: AI have seen the oppression of my people in Egypt.@
  2. Relating to people as second-class citizens; not extending the dignity that should be given every man.
5. Using influence or power wrongly that would keep a person under oppression.

#### 3. ***Poverty is oppression. Principles to combat poverty.***

1. Hard work.
  1. Do others injustice if we do not teach them industry and independence.
  2. Our welfare system is designed to keep people oppressed.
2. Integrity of heart.
  1. Dealing in truthfulness and honesty.
  2. Following godly principles in business dealings.
  3. Treating others with godly respect.
3. Generosity.

1. What we sow is what we reap.
2. The liberal soul shall be made fat. (Prov 11:25 KJV) The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.
3. Casting your bread upon the waters. (Eccl 11:1 KJV) Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.
4. He who gives to the poor lends to the Lord. (Prov 19:17 KJV) He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.
5. Opening the windows of heaven. (Mal 3:10 KJV) Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. (Mal 3:11 KJV) And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

#### 4. BINDING UP THE BROKEN HEARTED.

1. *Those who have been crushed emotionally.*
2. *Those who have suffered the pain and shame of rejection.*
3. *Those who have taken the risk and lost and who may be having trouble trusting again.*
4. *Those who have been jilted and left at the altar.*
5. *Those who have lost the affections of another through rejection, loss, including the loss through death and divorce.*
6. *Those who have suffered any disappointments.*
  1. Unrealistic expectations.
  2. Unfulfilled dreams.

#### 5. PROCLAIMING LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES.

1. *This is declaration through preaching and teaching.*
2. *Where the spirit of the Lord is there is liberty.* (2 Cor 3:17 KJV) Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.
3. *Should have power to back up the declaration or proclamation.*
  1. Not just rhetoric of what can be, but the declaration of what is.
  2. *A Woman, thou art loosed.*@

#### 6. OPENING THE PRISONS AND SETTING CAPTIVES FREE.

1. *Many stages of captivity.*
2. *May be captive to wrong thinking.*
  1. A...bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.@ (2 Cor 10:5).

2. May be captives or slaves to ideas, traditions, circumstances, to others opinions or views of us; even what we think of ourselves.
3. *Some are captives to a **A**mindset@ or **A**mentality@ as to what life really is; our world view; how we perceive others.*