# He Shall Deliver the Oppressed!

Luke 4:18-19 (NASB 2020) "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO BRING GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD."

## I. What is Oppression?

Acts 10:38 (NASB 2020) You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

**Oppressed:** g2616. καταδυναστεύω katadynasteuō; to exercise dominion against, i.e. oppress; to exercise harsh control over one, to use one's power against one.

Oppressed: burdened by abuse of power or authority

**Oppression:** the unjust or cruel exercise of authority or power: something that oppresses especially in being an unjust or excessive exercise of power: a sense of being weighed down in body or mind: DEPRESSION

1 Peter 5:8 (NKJV) Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

### II. It's the little things.

Galatians 5:7-9 (NASB 2020) You were running well; who hindered you from obeying the truth? This persuasion did not come from Him who calls you. A little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough.

What Hindered you from Obeying?

#### Acts of disobedience

Ephesians 2:1-2 (NASB95) And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

There is a spirit behind continual disobedience!

There are three types of Sin: Sin of Omission, Commission, and Ignorance

#### a. Sin of Omission

James 4:17 (NASB95) Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.

James 2:15 (NASB 2020) If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food...

Not fellowshipping with the brethren, not staying in Scripture, not praying...

Psalms 1:1-2 (NASB 2020) Blessed is the person who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the Law of the LORD, And on His Law he meditates day and night.

Song of Songs 2:15 (NASB 2020) "Catch the foxes for us, The little foxes that are ruining the vineyards, While our vineyards are in blossom."

### b. Sin of Commission

**Hebrews 10:26 (NASB 2020)** For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

\*\*\*1 John 3:4-10 (NASB 2020) No one who remains in Him sins continually; no one who sins continually has seen Him or knows Him.

# c. Sin of Ignorance

**Hebrews 9:6-7 (NASB 2020)** ...only the high priest enters once a year, not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the sins of the people committed in ignorance.

**1 Corinthians 5:6 (NASB 2020)** Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough?

Matthew 16:6 (NASB 2020) And Jesus said to them, "Watch out and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

Ephesians 4:25-27 (NASB 2020) Therefore, ridding yourselves of falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE OF YOU WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, because we are parts of one another. BE ANGRY, AND YET DO NOT SIN; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not give the devil an opportunity.

John 5:14 (NASB 2020) Afterward, Jesus \*found him in the temple and said to him, "Behold, you have become well; do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse happens to you."

### III. Greater is He that is in you!

Romans 7:24-25 (NLT) Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:6 (NKJV) knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

Romans 6:11 (NKJV) Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin...

Romans 6:14 (NKJV) For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Romans 6:18 (NKJV) And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

Romans 6:22 (NKJV) But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God...

In this one chapter it says we have been set free from sin 5 times!

Colossians 2:11 (NLT) When you came to Christ, you were "circumcised," but not by a physical procedure. Christ performed a spiritual circumcision—the cutting away of your sinful nature.

Romans 8:2 (NLT) And because you belong to Him (Jesus), the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.

Luke 11:25 (NASB 2020) And when it comes, it finds it swept and put in order.