



LEVITICUS

Sermon Points & Notes

Week 9 - 12.3.23 | Tyler Wilson

Title: Jubilee: God's Radical Economics

Scripture: Leviticus 25

Main Point:

God calls us to radical economic practices for the purpose of our freedom and the freedom of others.

Purpose of the Sabbath Year:

1. For the land's long-term renewal
2. For their long-term provision
3. For their long-term worship
4. For their long-term freedom

* Cross Reference with Deuteronomy 15

Types of Poverty:

- LEVEL 1 poverty - sell a part of his property (25:25-27)
- LEVEL 2 poverty - sell all of his property (25:35-38)
- LEVEL 3 poverty - sell yourself (25:39-43)
- LEVEL 4 poverty - sell yourself to a foreigner (25:47-55)

On Slavery in the Bible:

Exodus 21:16:

Whoever steals a man and sells him, and anyone found in possession of him, shall be put to death.

Deuteronomy 23:15-16:

You shall not give up to his master a slave who has escaped from his master to you. He shall dwell with you, in your midst, in the place that he shall choose within one of your towns, wherever it suits him. You shall not wrong him.

Leviticus 19:33-34:

When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

Exodus 23:9:

You shall not oppress a sojourner. You know the heart of a sojourner, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.

Leviticus 25 is about FREEDOM

APPLICATION:

1. **Our Tending of God's Creation**

How do we view the earth, land, and natural resources?

(FREEDOM from overworking and overuse of the land.)

2. **Our Treatment of God's People**

How do we care for the poor among us?

(FREEDOM from debt, poverty, & oppression)

Acts 4:34-35:

There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

3. **Our Transactions with God's Possessions**

How do we approach money, property and stuff?

(FREEDOM from greed, entitlement, and consumeristic slavery)

4. **Our Trust in God's Provision**

How do we approach work, rest, and our future security?

(FREEDOM from anxiety, control, & false security)

Leviticus 25:18-22:

“Therefore you shall do my statutes and keep my rules and perform them, and then you will dwell in the land securely. The land will yield its fruit, and you will eat your fill and dwell in it securely. And if you say, ‘What shall we eat in the seventh year, if we may not sow or gather in our crop?’ I will command my blessing on you in the sixth year, so that it will produce a crop sufficient for three years. When you sow in the eighth year, you will be eating some of the old crop; you shall eat the old until the ninth year, when its crop arrives.”

Matthew 6:31-32:

Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.

5. **Our Treasuring of God's Son**

The true and better Jubilee!

Luke 4:18-21

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

John 8:34-36

Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”