



Always Restoring

Isaiah 61:1-4, Luke 4:16-20, John 9

Proclaim The Year Of The Lord's Favor

- Isaiah wrote to people who were stressed out and anxious about what they were seeing in their nation.
- Isaiah prophesied that there would come a day when the *“One whom God anoints”* will make things right again.
- *“The year of the Lord's favor”* referred specifically to what God set up in Leviticus called the Year of Jubilee.
- There's no evidence that the Year of Jubilee was ever observed.
- Isaiah said that the *Anointed One* would make everything like it never had a chance to be.

The Anointed Messiah

- Sin broke the relationship between God and humanity.
- Left to ourselves, there is no way our world could ever be restored to mint condition.
- Jesus said that recovery of sight to the blind would be one of the signs that God had anointed Him.
- There is no story in the Old Testament about anyone being cured of blindness.
- The miracle of Jesus healing the blind gets so much attention because it had never been done before.

Conclusion

- True restoration and renewal is not going to come by politicians who promise to get the country back to traditional values.
- Through grace, Jesus came to do a brand-new thing as Isaiah predicted.
 - Grace restores what is broken.
 - Grace releases what is bound.
 - Grace renews what is lifeless.
 - Grace rebuilds what is ruined.
 - Grace opens blind eyes.
- Jesus is our Jubilee.