WATCHMAN CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL MOVEMENT FIRST FRUIT FASTING FELLOWSHIP (DECEMBER EDITION) Day 2

Theme: JUBILEE JAMBOREE

Texts: Lev.25:1-21; Ps.149:1-9; Isa.25:6-9

In our first message, we were informed that celebration is coming in the way of the faithful as enjoyed in the time of Jubilee. We shall enter the praise mode to enjoy the joy of Jubilee.

We analyzed the Old Testament festival, Jubilee which comes up immediately after the 7th sabbatic Year where in all properties were returned to the original owners. Jewish servants were released by their masters as a sign of cancellation of all debts. It was a divine opportunity for social, economic, and cultural reset.

We were also hinted that the Old Testament festivals, events etc were types and shadows of some real events in the New Testament era.

The Passover is a shadow of the gospel where a lamb without spot or blemish foreshadowing the spotless Christ was killed and the blood daubed on the door post for the salvation of the obedient (Exo. 12:3-13, 21-25, 43-51, Jn. 1:29,36).

The Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) foreshadowed the forgiveness received from the atoning work of Christ on the cross: one goat was sacrificed for forgiveness while a second blameless goat was used to substitute for the sins of the people to make them righteous (Lev. 23:27-36, 2 Cor. 5:21).

Later, we shall look at the feasts of first fruits, Pentecost, trumpets, and tabernacles.

Now, at the center of these events is the Lord Jesus Christ Who is the effulgence of God's glory and the exact Representation of God's Being (Heb. 1:3).

Jubilee was an old testament foreshadow of the freedom that Jesus will bring in the new dispensation.

Topic: JUBILEE ACCESS: JESUS THE JUBILEE

Texts: Matt. 1:19-25, Lk. 1:28-33; Jn. 8:12, 31-32, 36, 10:10, Acts 10:38, 1Jn. 3:8

The name JESUS came from the Hebrew Joshua which means 'the Lord is salvation" expresses the purpose of His advent (cp. Gen. 3:15). His sleeping and waking thought was the salvation of men; so He went about teaching, preaching and healing (Matt. 4:23, Lk. 7:11-16, Jn. 4:34, 9:4). These acts of the Lord are supposed to be upheld by His disciples after He had paid the price to give legitimacy to their services, hence the conferment of authority to thread upon the powers of the enemy (Lk. 10:19) and commission to dispense the good news (Matt. 28:19,20, Mk. 16:15-19).

It must be understood that for mankind to access true Jubilee, the price to be paid must be comprehensive: it must cover all areas of life that Satan had assessed and acquired from fallen man (Lk. 4:6-7 cp. Jn. 19:30, 2 Cor. 5:21, 8:9, 1 Pt. 2:24). To leave no stone unturned, He went to the nether world to declare His victory (Col. 2:14,15, 1 Pt. 3:18-20, Eph. 4:8-9).

Now, unlike the shadow Jubilee which had reservations in certain areas like properties in cities that were not redeemed after one year of transaction (Lev. 25:29) or slaves that have taken the perpetual mark of bondage (Ex. 21:5,6) or man slayers in the cities of refuge, there is no willing person who can be denied the Jubilee wrought by Jesus (Jn. 6:37).

The price paid by the Lord was complete, and the work He did was perfect, hence the declaration at the cross, "it is finished" (Jn.19:30). He fulfilled the Sabbath and ministered Sabbath to men (Matt.5:17, 11:28). It is faith in this work expressed in the name – Jesus that overcomes the world and begets the Jubilee experience (1 Jn.5:4, Rev. 12:3).

Again, Jesus is the WORD which has inherent power to liberate through its knowledge (Jn. 8:31,32, 14:6). Also the word contains life and eating the word begets eternal life.(Jn. 6:53-58, 63)

NB. Meditation on the truth potentiates Jubilee experience as truth makes for freedom (Jn. 8:31,32, Ps. 1:1-3).

We shall take the mantle of Praise based on the accomplishment at Calvary to open the portal of manifestations and birth Jubilee jubilation.