

WHAT JESUS CAME TO DO

(18) “The Spirit of the LORD *is* upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to *the* poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to *the* captives and recovery of sight to *the* blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; (19) to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.”

—Luke 4:18-19 NKJV

From those Scriptures, we learn that Jesus came to:

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- heal the brokenhearted
- proclaim liberty to the captives
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- proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord

Let’s talk about each point mentioned.

1 – JESUS CAME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR

- It’s concerning becoming an heir of God and a joint heir with Christ.
- It also means to be born again.
- The good news is that you could inherit so much as a child of God, a citizen of God’s Kingdom.
- God does not pay by earthly standards. He pays by Kingdom standards. But the only way to benefit from the Kingdom is to become a part of the Kingdom.
- This is true riches: being a part of the Kingdom, being a citizen of God’s Kingdom.
- The Kingdom is supernatural, and a lot of what happens in the supernatural manifests in the natural.
- It’s the same thing with sowing and reaping: People want to be blessed, yet they disobey God’s laws; they are interconnected.

- Physically giving your tithes and offerings keep you from being cursed.

Malachi 3:8-12 NKJV says,

(8) “Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings. (9) You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation. (10) Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,” Says the Lord of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it. (11) “And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,” Says the Lord of hosts; (12) “And all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land,” Says the Lord of hosts.

- God is a covenant God, and He cannot go against His own law. This is how the natural and the supernatural become interconnected.
- It’s the same thing when taking communion: You physically put the bread in your mouth and drink the wine, yet if your heart is not right and there’s sin in your life, it could lead to sickness, or as mentioned, death.
- The same is the other way: If you stand before Jesus to commune with Him and remember Him through communion with clean hands and a pure heart, you could receive great healing.
- Do you understand how the natural and the supernatural are interconnected like this? This is why faith is shown by works.

James 2:14-20 NLT says,

(14) What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don’t show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? (15) Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, (16) and you say, “Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well”—but then you don’t give that person any

food or clothing. What good does that do? (17) So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. (18) Now someone may argue, "Some people have faith; others have good deeds." But I say, "How can you show me your faith if you don't have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds." (19) You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. (20) How foolish! Can't you see that faith without good deeds is useless?

James 2:26 NLT says,

Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works.

- This is the same for those who are poor: You must rely on Jesus for healing, for wealth, for full resources, because there are no limits in God's Kingdom.
- God owns everything in His Kingdom, and for the poor to have access to that, they must come into the Kingdom. You must be born again.