

**Today  
Is  
The Day!**

**10-7-18**

Luke 4:16–21 (ESV) [O/H verse 18 close verse 21]

<sup>16</sup> And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and **he stood up to read.** <sup>17</sup> And the **scroll of the prophet Isaiah** was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

<sup>18</sup> “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,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

<sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> And he began to say to them, **“Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”**

Jesus is reading from the very same OT we have today! **The statement, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing,” is powerful!** Here quoting Scripture, we see Jesus proclaiming HIMSELF as the long awaited Messiah. Jesus is declaring the beginning of HIS ministry. This day Jesus proclaims HIS invasion into this dark world to redeem mankind. **Therefore Jesus rightly ends HIS quotation of Isaiah 61:1-2 with “to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor”!**

This is Jesus' purpose during the time of the church, the Age of the Holy Spirit. **For this reason, Jesus did not read the next statement of this OT prophecy.**

Isaiah 61:2 (ESV)

To proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
**“AND”** the day of vengeance of our God!

**Jesus didn't read the last statement because it deals with a future day. This future day is the time of Jesus' second coming when Jesus will judge evil and restore the physical earth.**

This current time, **Is The Day for God to move with power** through the church in the Age of the Holy Spirit. **For today God gives the church clear direction!**

Galatians 2:20 (ESV)

<sup>(1)</sup>I have been **crucified** with Christ (no human agenda or power). <sup>(2)</sup>It is **no longer** I who live (I do not live by my human motives or power), but Christ **who lives in me** (Christ is the One who gives me power through the Holy Spirit). <sup>(3)</sup>And the life I now live in the flesh **I live by faith** in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me (I hear Jesus and do what HE tells me).

**Therefore through Jesus, Today Is The Day for God to move with power!** God's kingdom is advancing, but we have to consistently call upon God to intervene. We are to live in total dependency on Jesus!

**Therefore, wherever we are, it is holy ground because the Holy Spirit is there in us! For today this is the Kingdom Jesus describes!**

Matthew 12:28 (ESV)

But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

**We need to take note of this principle of kingdom living! Today Is The Day for God to move with power! We are called to receive from God and give what we have.**

Acts 3:6 (ESV)

But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you!"

**But, how do we appropriate this power?** The Bible makes a very clear statement, "We set our minds, we ask, and believe what God said!" We are called to be totally dependent on Christ! Our challenge is to hear God and act on what HE shows us, which is called faith!

**Look again at the Biblical mindset and reality!**

Galatians 2:20 (ESV)

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

**This is the power and authority of Christian living!**  
**Today Is The Day for God to move with power!** Be encouraged and step out in faith knowing that God will do what HE said! Christ has given us everything we need. We are qualified for every promise in the Bible! We stand in an exalted position.

2Cor.5:21

God made him who had no sin to be sin, so that we might be the righteousness of God.

**Prophetic Team**

***Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.***