

Launching Text: Gal 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law (gloom, despair & death), being made a curse for us: for it is written, cursed is everyone that hangs on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham (blessed to be a blessing Gen 12:2-3 and justification by faith Gen 15:6) might come upon the Gentiles through Jesus Christ that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.
Gen 12:2 (God spoke to Abraham saying) ..I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee and make thy name great, and thou shalt be a blessing:
Gal 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Preaching Text: Obadiah 1:15-18

Intro: Israel had been in captivity to Edom. Many today are in captivity---
Captives of Sin—and its wages is death
Habits---that rob time with God
Traditions---that make the Word of God of none effect
What others think---holding them back from God. *But God Wants Us Free!*
God promises many things to those who repent and 2 are:
Rescue from Captivity and Recovery of Losses.
If this happens, then we must move from where we are at to where God is!
Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus (that is the Spirit without measure in John 3:34) hath made me free from the law of sin and death (and this includes freedom from gloom, despair, sickness, poverty, and lack for we possess the blessings of God).
It moves us from bondage to liberty! That's God's Desire and this God birthed desire produces benefits.

1. POSSESSING THE BLESSING OF GOD'S POWER

Obadiah 1:17a Upon Mt Zion (in the church) there shall be deliverance (the power of the living God)
God wants His Power in the Church and this power comes from the Holy Ghost without measure.
Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon thee & ye shall be witnesses....
Eph 3:20 Now unto Him (Jesus) that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us (the believers) Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.
Acts 4:33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and great grace (or the favor of Almighty God) was upon them all.

1. Power to Refuse Sin

Rom 6:12 Let not sin reign in your mortal body that you should obey the lust thereof.....
1-John 2:1 My little children I would that you sin not.....]
1-John 3:6 Whosoever abides in Him (Jesus) sins not: whosoever (habitually) sins hath not seen Him neither known Him.

2. Power to Reject Satan

Eph 4:27 Give no place to the devil.
1-John 5:18 We know that whosoever is born of God sins not: but he that is begotten of God keeps himself and the wicked one (the devil) touches him not.
1-John 4:4greater is He (the Lord) that is in us than he (the devil) that is in the world.

3. Power to Renounce Self

Luke 9:23 And Jesus said to them all, if any come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.
Acts 20:22-24 (Paul was speaking and saying) And now I go bound in the Spirit unto Jerusalem not knowing the things that shall befall me there save that the Holy Ghost witnesses in every city saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. But none of those things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself so that I might finish my course with joy and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

4. Power to Raise Supply

Luke 11:9 Ask and it shall be given, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you. For everyone that asks receives; and he that seeks finds; and to him that knocks it shall be opened.
Mark 11:24 Therefore I (Jesus) say unto you what things so ever you desire, when you pray (speak or declare) believe that you receive them and you shall have them.

5. Power to Render Service

Mat 10:7-8 And as you go, preach (or proclaim), saying the kingdom of heaven (God's way of doing things) is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, now freely give.
Mark 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name (the name of Jesus) they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents (demons and those things that cause harm and cast them aside); and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.

IT'S CHANGING POWER, COMPASSIONATE POWER, CONTROLLING POWER TO MAKE GOD LOOK GOOD!

2. POSSESSING THE BLESSING OF GOD'S PURITY

Obadiah 1:17b But upon Mt Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness.

God expects and demands holiness with a life style of purity! It is a process called sanctification.

1-Peter 1:16Be ye holy (sanctified, set apart, and pure) for I am holy (set apart, sanctified, and pure)

Heb 12:14 Follow peace with all men and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord.

Mat 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.

Ps 24 (The blessing of the Lord comes upon the pure, holy, sanctified believers)

1. Holiness and Purity is Through Consecration

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service.

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: never the less I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.

Phil 1:21 For me to live is Christ and to die is gain.

2. Holiness and Purity is By Transformation

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of you mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.

Eph 4:23-24 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind {by Eph 5:26 That He might sanctify and cleanse it (the minds and hearts of the believers) with the washing of the water of the Word} And that you put on the new man (transformed) which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

3. Holiness and Purity is With Translation

Col 1:13 (It is Christ) who hath delivered un from the power of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son.

Eph 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord; walk as children of light (and live out the life of those who have been move from darkness to those native born of the Light, the Lord Jesus Christ).

4. Holiness and Purity With Adoration and Glorification

Ps 63:1-3 O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land who no water is: To see thy power and thye glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary. Because thy loving kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee. Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.

Ps 34:1 I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Ps 34:3 O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

3. POSSESSING THE BLESSING OF GOD'S PROVISION

Obadiah 1:17c Upon Mt Zion there shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob (the redeemed of the Lord) shall possess their possessions.

God's Hebraic name is not El Broko loco---it is El Shaddai

When deliverance and purity comes then El Shaddai the God of more than enough shows up with blessings!

1. The Provision of God's Power

Ps 29:11 The Lord will give strength to His people.....

Isa 40:29 He gives power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increases strength.

2. The Provision of God's Peace

Ps 29:11 The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace (shalom)

3. The Provision of God's Protection

Ps 91:3 Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

Ps 91:10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

Ps 91:15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him. Why? Ps 91:1 He that dwells in the secret place of the most high shall dwell under the shadow of the Almighty.

4. The Provision of God's Providence

Phil 4:19 But my God shall supply all you need according to His riches in glory

Rom 8:32 He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things.

2-Pet 1:3 According to His divine power (He) hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue

4. POSSESSING THE BLESSING OF GOD'S PASSION *and we must have it!*

Obadiah 1:18 And the house of Jacob (the redeemed of the Lord) shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph (the servants of God) will be a flame (to ignite others)

1. Passion to Worship John 4:24 God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit & truth

2. Passion to Work John 14:12 Verily, verily I say unto you the works that I do shall ye do also and greater works than these shall you do, because I go unto the Father.

3. Passion To Witness John 4:24 Say not ye, There are yet 4 months & then cometh harvest. Behold,, I (Jesus) say unto you, Lift up your eyes & look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

Proverbs 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life: and he that wins souls is wise.

3. Passion to War Mat 11:12 The kingdom of heaven suffers violence but the violent take it by force.

4. Passion to Win Rom 8:37 Nay in all these things (that you face in life) we are more than conquerors

2-Tim 2:7-8 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day (the day of judgment): and not to me only, but unto all them that love His appearing.