

Yahweh, the Almighty God of Israel, is with us
"Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet,
and shew my people their transgression,
and the house of Jacob their sins." Isaiah 58:1

Yeshua / Jesus

Study Prayerfully & Study Carefully

Yeshua the Preacher

Reading:

Luke 4: 16-22 or Matthew 5, 6 & 7

1. Yeshua's Commission

There is a big difference between a teacher and a preacher. Yeshua was both; but his main occupation during his stay on earth was preaching. Notice how he introduced himself and listed his **'terms of reference'** at the start of his ministry. Especially note his **threefold reference to preaching**.

Luke 4:18 *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to:*

- ***Preach the Gospel to the poor. He hath sent me to:***
- ***Preach deliverance to the captives and the recovery of sight to the blind***
- ***To set at liberty them that are bruised and to***
- ***Preach the acceptable year of the Lord."***

2. The Gospel to the Poor

In our zeal to present Yahweh's law, to publish the truth about the Signature of the Most High and Satan's counterfeit the Mark of the Beast, we must not forget to preach **The Gospel**.

What is the Gospel? **The Gospel is the good news of salvation**. The Gospel is Yahweh's offer of mercy and life to sinners destined for hell. The Gospel is your passport to the **Kingdom of Heaven** where you are invited to live for all time with God Himself. The Gospel is the sweetest and best message this world has ever heard. The Gospel is the good news of salvation made possible by the Saviour's death on your behalf. The Gospel offers you freedom from sin, suffering and death - at no cost to yourself. God's Son came to earth to **preach the Gospel to the poor**: and that includes you and me.

The world is reeling under a burden of bad news. Daily we are bombarded with it. From all angles come a **sickening avalanche of violence, terrorism, vice, vandalism, misery and death**. What's more, **the situation worsens** as each day goes by. The need for good news - **the Gospel** - is therefore extremely urgent. And so the Gospel must be preached - **more than ever - to counteract the imbalance of woe**.

The Saviour, the twelve Apostles and the Apostle Paul all set the pattern.

The Saviour Preached the Gospel

- Matthew 11: 4: *“Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see:
5: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, **and the poor have the gospel preached to them.**”*
- Mark 1: 14: *“Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, **preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,**
15: And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.”*
- Luke 20: 1: *“And it came to pass, that on one of those days, as he taught the people in the temple, and **preached the gospel,** the chief priests and the scribes came upon him with the elders,
2: And spake unto him, saying, Tell us, by what authority doest thou these things? or who is he that gave thee this authority?”*

The Apostles Preached the Gospel

- Acts 8: 25: *“And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and **preached the gospel** in many villages of the Samaritans.”*

Paul Preached the Gospel

- 1 Corinthians 9: 16: *“**For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!**”*

3. Preaching the Gospel by Word

The Gospel of the Kingdom of God that Jesus preached was good news. In the Sermon on the Mount the Saviour introduces the various aspects of this good news. I will briefly list them.

- Matthew 5:
- 1: *“And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:*
 - 2: *And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,*
 - 3: *Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*
 - 4: *Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.*
 - 5: *Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.*
 - 6: *Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.*
 - 7: *Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.*
 - 8: *Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.*
 - 9: *Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.*
 - 10: *Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*
 - 11: *Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.*
 - 12: *Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.”*

(A list of blessings. This is good news.)

Verses: 13: *"Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.*
14: *Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.*
15: *Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.*
16: *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."*

(The value and work of a true believer ... This is good news.)

Verses: 17: *"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.*
18: *For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*
19: *Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*
20: *For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.*
21: *Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:*
22: *But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.*
23: *Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;*
24: *Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.*
25: *Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.*
26: *Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.*
27: *Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:*
28: *But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.*
29: *And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.*
30: *And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.*
31: *It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:*
32: *But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery."*

(The eternal nature of Yahweh's law ... This is good news.)

Verses: 33: *"Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:*
34: *But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:*
35: *Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King.*
36: *Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.*
37: *But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.*
38: *Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:*
39: *But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.*
40: *And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also.*
41: *And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.*
42: *Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.*
43: *Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.*
44: *But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate*

you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;
 45: That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.
 46: For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?
 47: And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?
 48: Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.”

(The greatness of Yahweh's mercy ... This is good news.)

Matthew 6: 1: “Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.
 2: Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.
 3: But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:
 4: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.
 5: And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.
 6: But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.
 7: But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.
 8: Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.
 9: After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
 10: Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
 11: Give us this day our daily bread.
 12: And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
 13: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.
 14: For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:
 15: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.
 16: Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.
 17: But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face;
 18: That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.”

(The rewards for humility and prayer ... This is good news.)

Verses: 19: “Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:
 20: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:
 21: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
 22: The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.
 23: But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!
 24: No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.
 25: Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?
 26: Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?
 27: Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?
 28: And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:
 29: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
 30: Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the

oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

31: Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32: (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

33: But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

34: Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

(The providence of the Almighty ... This is good news.)

Matthew 7: 1: "Judge not, that ye be not judged.

2: For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

3: And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

4: Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye?

5: Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye."

(The final victory of true judgement ... This is good news.)

Verses: 6: "Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

7: Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

9: Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

10: Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

11: If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?"

(The value of truth and prayer ... This is good news.)

Verses: 12: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

13: Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

14: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

15: Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

16: Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17: Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

18: A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19: Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

20: Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."

(Invaluable warnings about deception ... This is good news.)

Verses:

21: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

22: Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23: And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

24: Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

25: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

26: And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

27: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

28: And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his

doctrine:

29: *For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.*
(**The final overthrow of hypocrisy ... This is good news.**)

4. Preaching by Deed

“Christ is the only teacher this world has ever known whose life exactly accorded with his instructions. No object is so edifying with this accordance. The perfect holiness of the Redeemer would have been less clearly seen and less deeply felt, if we could not have compared his actions with the perfect rules of life, uttered by his mouth.” (Dwight's Theology Vol. 1. page 365)

His friends would, understandably, praise him. But consider these testimonies of the Roman rulers after they had examined him by every method they could imagine - **beatings, insult and humiliation.**

John 18: 38: *“Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, **I find in him no fault at all.**”*

Luke 23: 47: *“Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, **Certainly this was a righteous man.**”*

Now consider Christ's evaluation of himself:

John 15: 10: *“If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as **I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.**”*

John 8: 46: *“**Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?**”*

John 17: 4: *“**I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.**”*

No man in all history could honestly say that of himself except Jesus Christ.

5. Preaching by Effect

Though the Saviour never, to our knowledge, wrote a book or travelled to foreign countries to preach, who will doubt these facts:

- At His birth he changed the course of history and men all over the world began to number the years from his arrival.
- More books, magazines, tracts and papers have been written about Jesus Christ than any person who has ever walked this earth.
- His words have been translated into every major language and into hundreds of dialects.
- Every day millions of people from all nations pray to him in their morning and evening devotions.
- More institutions, schools, colleges, hospitals and clinics have been built to further his cause than the sum total of all others which honour spiritual leaders.

Yes, the Saviour has had an enormous effect on the world. And even though comparatively few people avail themselves of his salvation, there are in total many millions who will be in the Kingdom of God because of what he has done. When he sees the great gathering the Bible says he shall be satisfied.

Isaiah 53: 11: *“**He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.**”*

6. Preaching the Acceptable Year

This is the Gospel era. It will be over **SOON!** The **acceptable year is a time when mercy and salvation are available and must be accepted.** Failure to accept the Gospel in the acceptable year will be disastrous for millions of souls who have spurned Yahweh's offer of mercy and salvation. Now is that accepted time.

Have you accepted salvation? Or are you putting it off? Make the following prayer your own - before it is too late!

Psalm 69: 13: *"But as for me, my **prayer** is unto thee, **O LORD, in an acceptable time:** O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation."*

2 Corinthians 6: 2: *"(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: **behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.**)"*

Failure to act on these facts is the greatest mistake any soul can make. It is impossible to exaggerate the importance of these facts. **We do well to heed them!**

AMEN!

In the Son's Name — For the Father's glory.

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