

Emancipation Proclamation

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me (the Messiah), Because He has anointed Me to preach the good news to the poor. He has sent Me to announce release (pardon, forgiveness) to the captives, And recovery of sight to the blind, To set free those who are oppressed (downtrodden, bruised, crushed by tragedy), to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord [the day when salvation and the favor of God abound greatly].”

Luke 4:18-19 AMP

Jesus returned to His hometown in Nazareth. He was in the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up to read. Jesus was given the book of the Prophet Isaiah. He publicly read from Isaiah chapter 61. Verse 1 reads, ***“The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me..... .to announce release(pardon and forgiveness) to the captives.”*** ***The KJV version reads, “and opening of the prison to them that are bound;”*** According to Luke 4:17, Jesus closed the book, gave it to the minister, and sat down. Then He told the people, ***“This day is the scripture fulfilled in your ears.” (Luke 4:21)***

I want to tell some of you right here that you are being released. You are being pardoned. Jesus is declaring you free. There have been judgements made about you, charges trumped up against you, and rumors spread about you. And some of it may even be true. But Jesus is saying,

“Case dismissed!”

You are being cleared of any wrongdoing. I had a situation not long ago. I had received two traffic tickets. I had to appear in court. My name was called and I stood before the judge. He looked at the charges against me and said, “Tickets dismissed.” I walked out of the courtroom praising the Lord. Then a few days ago, I received an email regarding some student loans I had taken out years before to go to school. I opened it with the intention of making a payment. However, upon opening it, I discovered that my loans had been forgiven. Now I’m talking about thousands of dollars worth of debt wiped out and erased miraculously. I began to weep and praise God. As I did this, I heard the Holy Spirit say, “This is your morning season.” ***Psalm 30:5 says, “Weeping may endure for a night, But a shout of joy comes in the morning.”*** I was also reminded of how the woman was caught in adultery and dragged before Jesus. Jesus told her accusers to cast their stones at her if they had no sin. They were forced to drop their stones. Your accusers will have no choice but to abandon their claims, accusations, and lies against you. You are being declared free. You will be debt free, your sentence will be reduced or amended, and you will go free.

Jesus was publicly proclaiming that He had come to release and set free those who were oppressed. He basically said, “Hey! Hello!! I’m here to fulfill this scripture and set you all free. I came to heal you and deliver you and free you from your own personal prisons. Notice that Jesus was talking to the Jews. The Jews were, in fact, the people of God. They already believed that they were free. Notice what the Jews tell

Jesus, ***“We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been enslaved to anyone. What do You mean by saying, ‘You will be set free?’” John 8:33 AMP*** They were like, “What do you mean? *We are free.*” We see Jesus’ response in John 8:34, which says, ***“I assure you and most solemnly say to you, everyone who practices sin habitually is a slave of sin.” John 8:34 AMP*** I am here to tell you that if you habitually practice sin, you’re **not** free. You’re still in bondage.

I’d like to think of this publication in Luke chapter 4 by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as the original, Heavenly Emancipation Proclamation. It was a heavenly decree that the time had come for freedom and deliverance for the people of God. Jesus came to free all those who were enslaved by sin and held captive by oppression. Jesus came to free all who are under the devil’s control. Yet, the devil leads people who are bound to believe that they’re free. Those who are free, the devil attempts to capture them through sin.

The document widely known as the **Emancipation Proclamation** in the United States of America went into effect on January 1, 1863, declaring *“that all persons held as slaves” within the rebellious states “are, and henceforward shall be free.”* President Abraham Lincoln issued the decree. This decree parallels the biblical decree of freedom, made by Jesus, in that slaves that had been declared free were unaware that they were free and continued to act as slaves going about their daily lives as though they were still in bondage. They were still picking cotton from sun up to sun down. Nothing had changed. After Jesus arrived on the scene, there were those that were still attempting to live according to the law and hadn’t yet come into grace through Jesus Christ.

Although the Emancipation Proclamation took effect in January of 1863, it wasn’t until two years later, after a successful win of the civil war by Union troops in April 1865 and consequently, in June 1865, that U.S. Army troops arrived in Galveston Bay, Texas to officially announce and enforce the emancipation. It’s the same today with some that have been freed by the precious blood of Jesus. They don’t really know they’re free so they still act as slaves. They are still living in bondage to various things such as addictions, slavery mindsets, and lifestyles that they really have already been set free from. It’s going to take those called with mantles and anointings similar to the likes of Moses, Esther, and John the Baptist in this season to bring a message of spiritual enforcement of deliverance for God’s people by knowledge of what has already been done on the cross at Calvary through Jesus Christ. **2 Corinthians 3:17** says, ***“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty [emancipation from bondage, true freedom].”AMP*** There is true freedom in Jesus. True freedom means you are aware of your freedom and you walk in your freedom fully and completely. True freedom means that you’re not bound to the place you were confined to before. You’re free to venture away from the old image of you. You have a choice to operate as a freeman. You are aware of your freedom AND you are operating as someone who is free in Christ.

There is a clarion call to exit or depart from bondage. The devil has to let you go. There is a recovery of God's people from past snares of the devil. You will no longer be a prisoner of your past or a slave to the spirit of religion. You will not be a slave to what was and what used to be. Your past will no longer be able to hold you hostage.

A lying spirit can keep you bound because truth is freedom. When you know you're free you behave differently than you did when you were a slave. The devil can no longer use your past to torment you. Our enemy, the devil's lie has been detected that you are living in your past.

Late November 2023, as I watched updates of the Israeli Hamas war, I began seeing elderly hostages released. This is a prophetic sign that we can no longer hold on to the old. This is a sign that there is an exit and departure for God's people. God's grace is on you to be released from your past. When people see you they will see the new transformed version of you.

“Therefore if anyone is in Christ [that is, grafted in, joined to Him by faith in Him as Savior], he is a new creature [reborn and renewed by the Holy Spirit]; the old things [the previous moral and spiritual condition] have passed away. Behold, new things have come [because spiritual awakening brings a new life].”

2 Corinthians 5:17 AMP

We are blessed when we do the word. There is freedom in living the word of God. There is a supernatural liberty that we step into as we are obedient to the word of God. James 1:25 reads like this, ***“But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.” James 1:25 KJV*** Just imagine the freedom that the newly freed slaves experienced as they learned the truth of the reality that they were really free. They began to live their lives accordingly and enjoy their newly found freedom.

The Proclamation Emancipates:

Free From Bloodguiltiness

“But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any one of them, he is taken away because of his corruption and sin; but I will require his blood from the watchman’s hand.” “Now as for you, son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so you shall hear a message from My mouth and give them a warning from Me. When I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked man, you will certainly die,’ and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man will die because of his sin; but I will require his blood from your hand. But if you on your part warn the wicked man to turn from his [evil] way and he does not turn from his [evil] way, he will die in his sin; but you have saved your life.”

Ezekiel 33:6-9 AMP

“Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: And my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.”

Psalm 51:14 KJV

If God has called you as one that carries a mantle like that of either Moses, Esther, or a watchman in this season, do not delay to give the people the message that God has placed in your mouth. It is dangerous not to give the message God gives you to give to other people. The scripture above says that the blood will be on your hands if you fail to send out a prophetic signal that you received from the Lord. You are *responsible* for those who God sends you to warn.

As a watchman, I am responsible for what I release *and* what I *don't* release. Even in my own home, I'm responsible for the messages I relay to my children from the Lord. There may be something that God sees and wants to deal with and I just happen to be the messenger. I have found it very challenging at times to release prophetic words given to me from the Lord. There have been times that I haven't been received well. There have been other times when I was. No matter the case, I must summon the courage to go forth and speak what God has spoken. The same is true for some of you. Here's what the word says about the matter:

“preach the word [as an official messenger]; be ready when the time is right and even when it is not [keep your sense of urgency, whether the opportunity seems favorable or unfavorable, whether convenient or inconvenient, whether welcome or unwelcome]; correct [those who err in doctrine or behavior], warn [those who sin], exhort and encourage [those who are growing toward spiritual maturity], with inexhaustible patience and [faithful] teaching.”

2 Timothy 4:2 AMP

There certainly have been times when the timing seemed all wrong. The place appeared unwelcoming or the faces condescending. However, in the end, the prophecy was affirmed and came to pass. God cannot lie and if you are a **true** messenger, God will always bring to pass what he has commanded you to speak. Just recently, I had to give someone of influence a prophetic word and I was afraid. I didn't want to do it. I didn't know this person and they didn't know me. The response I received was, "Who are you and what do you do?" However, the word was confirmed to be true. Believe me when I say that the word that God has placed in your mouth will bring release to you as the messenger. You will be free from bloodshed and the guilt from refusal to release the word that the Lord has given you to speak.

You are a Freeman

"Do you not know that when you continually offer yourselves to someone to do his will, you are the slaves of the one whom you obey, either [slaves] of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness (right standing with God)?"

Romans 6:16 AMP

The Lord wants this to be clear:

If you're free, live like a freeman and not like a slave! Slaves are bound by sin and driven by addictions, lust, and ungodliness. Freeman are liberated from being driven by the flesh and worldly desires. ***"They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts."*** Galatians 5:24 KJV

Interestingly enough, the state of North Carolina, where my husband grew up, has been the subject of both his and my dreams throughout the course of our marriage. We'd both have visions of being in that state. When I did some research, I found the name of the state of North Carolina was named after Charles I of England by his son. Charles comes from the Germanic word ceorl, which means "free man".

Freeman:

1. a person who is free; a person who enjoys personal, civil, or political liberty.
2. **a person who enjoys or is entitled to citizenship**, franchise, or other special privilege. a freeman of a city.

A freeman is someone who is entitled to citizenship status of a particular country. Here is what the Bible says: ***"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor (perversely) effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor***

thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers [whose words are used as weapons to abuse, insult, humiliate, intimidate, or slander], nor swindlers will inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God. And such were some of you [before you believed]. But you were washed [by the atoning sacrifice of Christ], you were sanctified [set apart for God, and made holy], you were justified [declared free of guilt] in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the [Holy] Spirit of our God [the source of the believer's new life and changed behavior].” 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 AMP

First, let's deal with the part of this scripture that says, “..And such *were* some of you.” It says *WERE*. Were and is are two totally different indicators of time. Were is past tense and the word is means NOW. Then, the scripture goes on to say, “***But ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified...***”..(1 Corinthians 6:11). Here is a foundational truth in the word of God that creates the distinction of what was and what now should be in the daily walks of those that have given their lives to Christ.

I know that 1 Corinthians 6:11 is not considered to be a popular scripture, especially in what has been labeled ***Modern Christianity***. One Pastor even went so far in an interview to say, “The church is evolving,” when asked about homosexuality in the church. He was basically saying that the church has changed to accept immoral and immodest fornication and perversion. To those who may say that the Holy Bible is old fashioned, let me remind you that while the Bible was written thousands of years ago, homosexuality was occurring then too. Homosexuality is not new. The word of God is not new. Ecclesiastes 1:9 reads, “***That which has been is that which will be [again], And that which has been done is that which will be done again. So there is nothing new under the sun.***” ***Ecclesiastes 1:9 AMP*** Nothing that this generation is doing is new and this generation is not exempt from obeying the word of God.

If you are a partaker in any of the above listed sins, the Bible declares that you have ***NO INHERITANCE*** in the kingdom of God, meaning you are not a citizen of His kingdom. You *are not* a Freeman. Kingdom citizens follow kingdom laws. Sexual immorality is how people behave BEFORE they believe in and receive Jesus as Lord and Savior.

There is a HUGE difference between freedom declared and freedom demonstrated. The Emancipation Proclamation declared African American slaves free but they were still physically bound. It was their lack of this knowledge that led them to continue living a shackled and chained existence. God wants our behavior to reflect and confirm our freedom in Christ. Yes, we confess with our mouths, but we gotta walk this freedom walk. We have to leave the slavery mindset behind, disconnecting from slavery quarters. We must leave the old place of sin. Let your confession of faith or your proclamation of freedom be real and your way of living be changed as a result.

“Therefore, believers, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you [be sure that your behavior reflects and confirms your relationship with God]; for by doing these things [actively developing

these virtues], you will never stumble [in your spiritual growth and will live a life that leads others away from sin];”

2 Peter 1:10 AMP

Diligence is needed in developing a genuine relationship with God. Our behavior, speech, and lives should reflect that we are different from the world. Our way of living presently should show that there has been a real transformation in us.

Immoral Freedom

“For by these He has bestowed on us His precious and magnificent promises [of inexpressible value], so that by them you may escape from the immoral freedom that is in the world because of disreputable desire, and be sharers of the divine nature. For this very reason, applying your diligence [to the divine promises, make every effort] in [exercising] your faith to, develop moral excellence, and in moral excellence, knowledge (insight, understanding), and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, steadfastness, and in your steadfastness, godliness, and in your godliness, brotherly affection, and in your brotherly affection, [develop Christian] love [that is, learn to unselfishly seek the best for others and to do things for their benefit].”

2 Peter 1:4-7 AMP

Immoral freedom means that there are no principles practiced in the freedom one claims to have. A person could be born again but living life just as they had before committing to Christ. Immoral freedom is living in standards that are considered beneath the level of what is perceived as good, holy, and righteous. There are things that as Christians, should be morally prohibited and impermissible in the life of one who claims to know and live for Christ. It is the responsibility of the believer to develop godly morals and attitudes, to practice self control, and to walk in love.

“just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the adjacent cities, since they in the same way as these angels indulged in gross immoral freedom and unnatural vice and sensual perversity. They are exhibited [in plain sight] as an example in undergoing the punishment of everlasting fire.”

Jude 1:7 AMP

Immoral freedom is not true freedom. Immoral freedom, in the end, leads to punishment and death according to the word of God.