

Renewal Time

This weekend is my first Jubilee here at New Life and I am looking forward to it so much. After a long winter, moving, getting settled: new home, new job, new school, new, new, new just about everything... I'm looking forward to a time of worship, reflection and renewal in my life. Can anybody relate to what I'm saying? Maybe some of you are feeling the same way. Whether you feel the winter was too long, or maybe it's all the anxiety and fear surrounding your financial future: job, retirement, savings, home, etc. I think we all could use a "break," or better yet, a time of refreshing and renewal...

“Six days you shall do your work, but the seventh day you shall rest and keep Sabbath, that your ox and your donkey may rest, and the son of your bondwoman, and the alien, may be refreshed.” (Exodus 23:12)

“And he shall be like a tree firmly planted [and tended] by the streams of water, ready to bring forth its fruit in its season; its leaf also shall not fade or wither; and everything he does shall prosper [and come to maturity].” (Psalm 1:3)

“MAY THE Lord answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob set you up on high [and defend you]; send you help from the sanctuary and support, refresh, and strengthen you from Zion.” (Psalm 20:1-2)

“Be still and rest in the Lord; wait for Him and patiently lean yourself upon Him; fret not yourself because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked devices to pass.” (Psalm 37:7)

“AS THE hart pants and longs for the water brooks, so I pant and long for You, O God. My inner self thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?” (Psalm 42:1-2)

“You, O God, did send a plentiful rain; You did restore and confirm Your heritage when it languished and was weary.” (Psalm 68:9)

“Return to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.” (Psalm 116:7)

“The liberal person shall be enriched, and he who waters shall himself be watered.” (Proverbs 11:25)

“YET NOW hear, O Jacob, My servant and Israel, whom I have chosen. Thus says the Lord, Who made you and formed you from the womb, Who will help you: Fear not, O Jacob, My servant, and you Jeshurun [the upright one – applied to Israel as a type of the Messiah], whom I have chosen. For I will pour water upon him who is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground. I will pour My Spirit upon your offspring, and My blessing upon your descendants. And they shall spring up among the grass like willows or poplars by the

watercourses. One will say, 'I am the Lord's;' and another will call himself by the name of Jacob; and another will write [even brand or tattoo] upon his hand, I am the Lord's, and surname himself by the [honorable] name of Israel." (Isaiah 44:1-5)

"For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters that spreads out its roots by the river; and it shall not see and fear when heat comes; but its leaf shall be green. It shall not be anxious and full of care in the year of drought, nor shall it cease yielding fruit." (Jeremiah 17:8)

"For I will [fully] satisfy the weary soul, and I will replenish every languishing and sorrowful person." (Jeremiah 31:25)

See you at Jubilee!

Be Strong, Be Courageous, Be Fearless – and remember...

Christ **IS** All!

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