



PART 1

RETURN TO OUR POSSESSION:
OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS POSSESSIONS

LEVITICUS 25:10, 13-17, 23-37

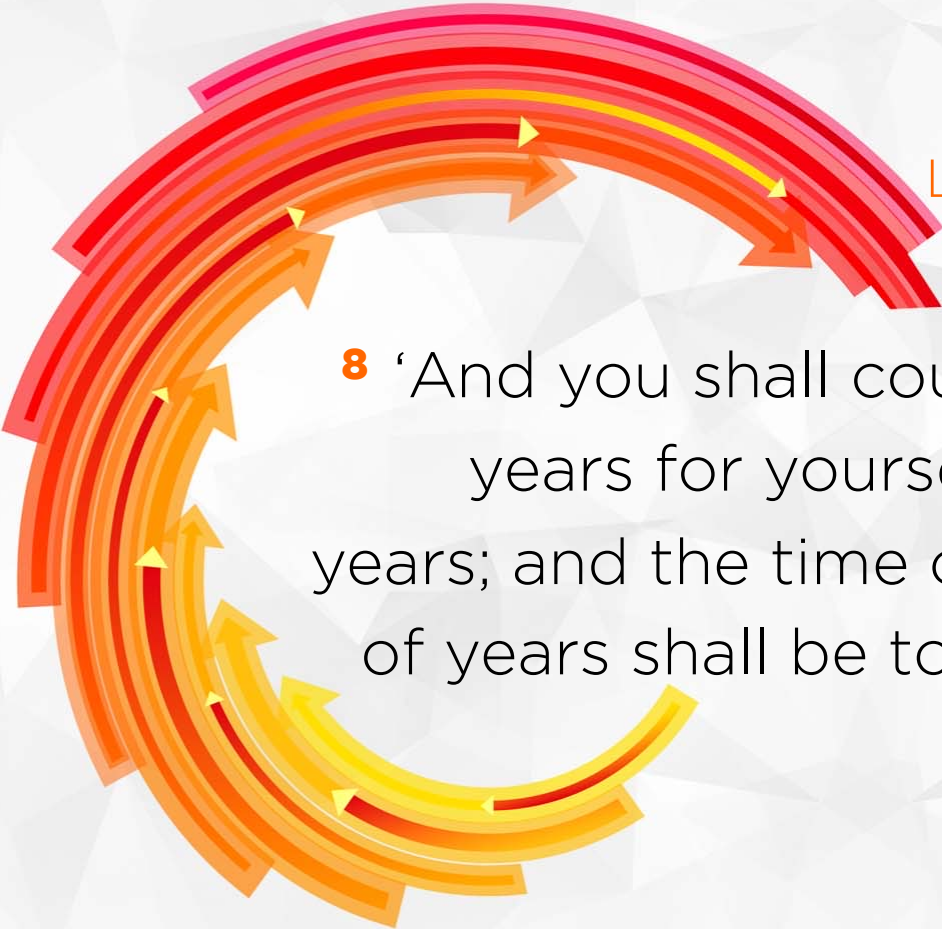
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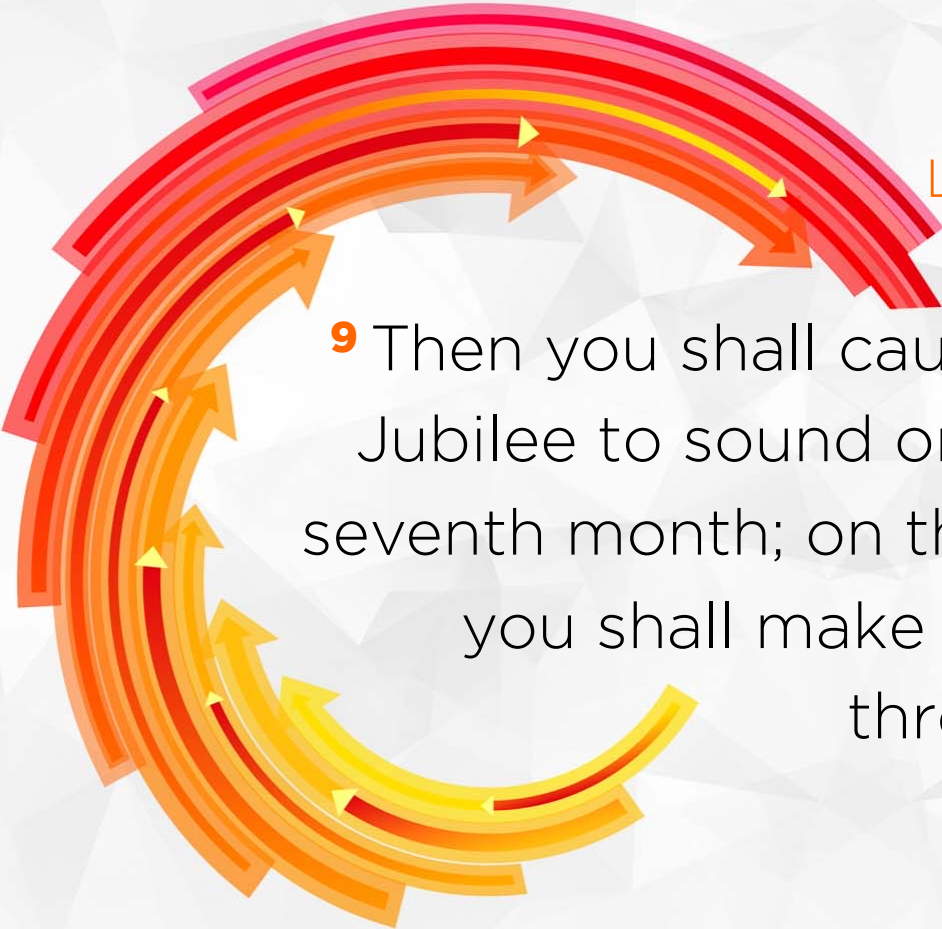
a) Our Response Towards the Church Jubilee



LEVITICUS 25:8-17 (NKJV)

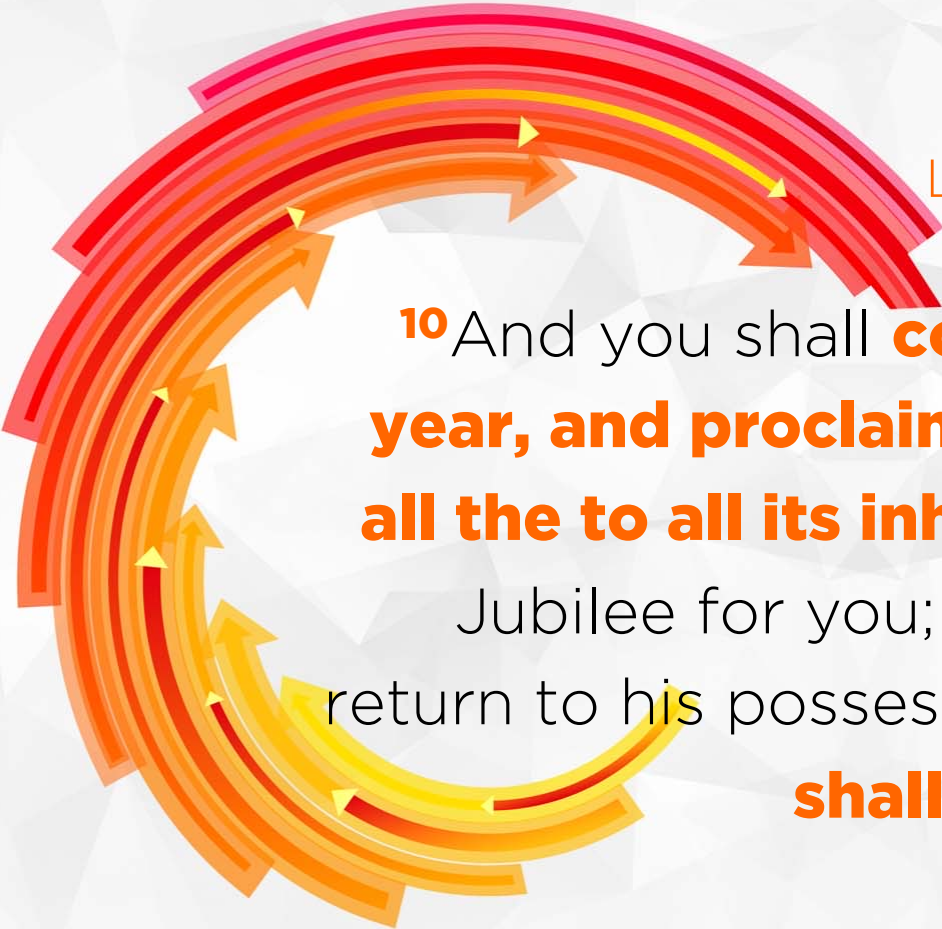
The Year of Jubilee

8 ‘And you shall count seven sabbaths of years for yourself, seven times seven years; and the time of the seven sabbaths of years shall be to you forty-nine years.



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9 Then you shall cause the trumpet of the Jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement, you shall make the trumpet to sound throughout all your land.



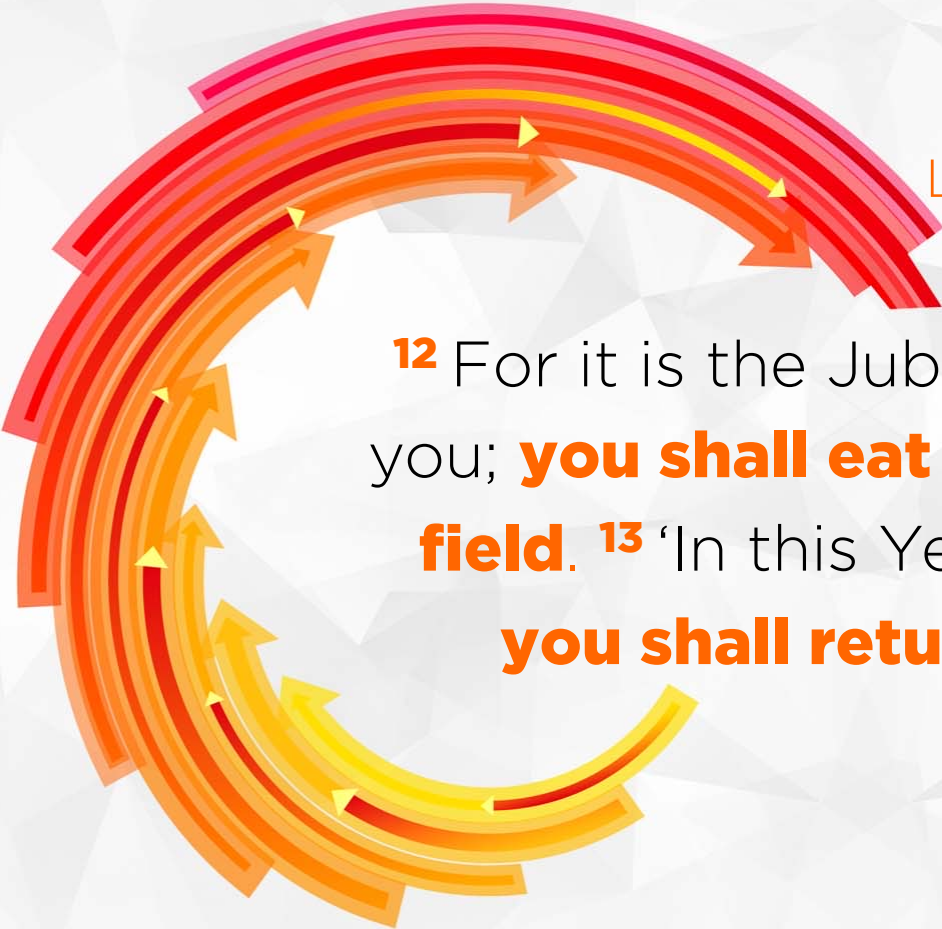
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¹¹ That **fiftieth year shall be a Jubilee to you**; in it you shall neither sow nor reap what grows of its own accord, nor gather the grapes of your untended vine.



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12 For it is the Jubilee; it shall be holy to you; **you shall eat its produce from the field.** **13** 'In this Year of Jubilee, **each of you shall return to his possession.**



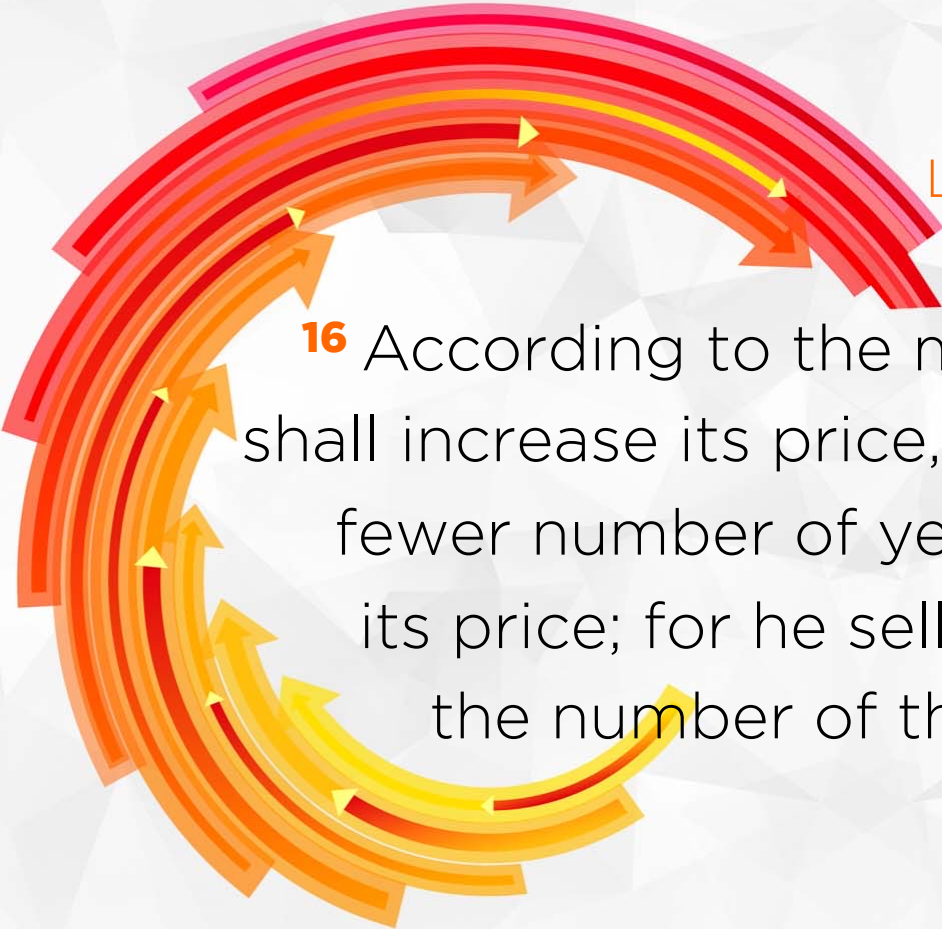
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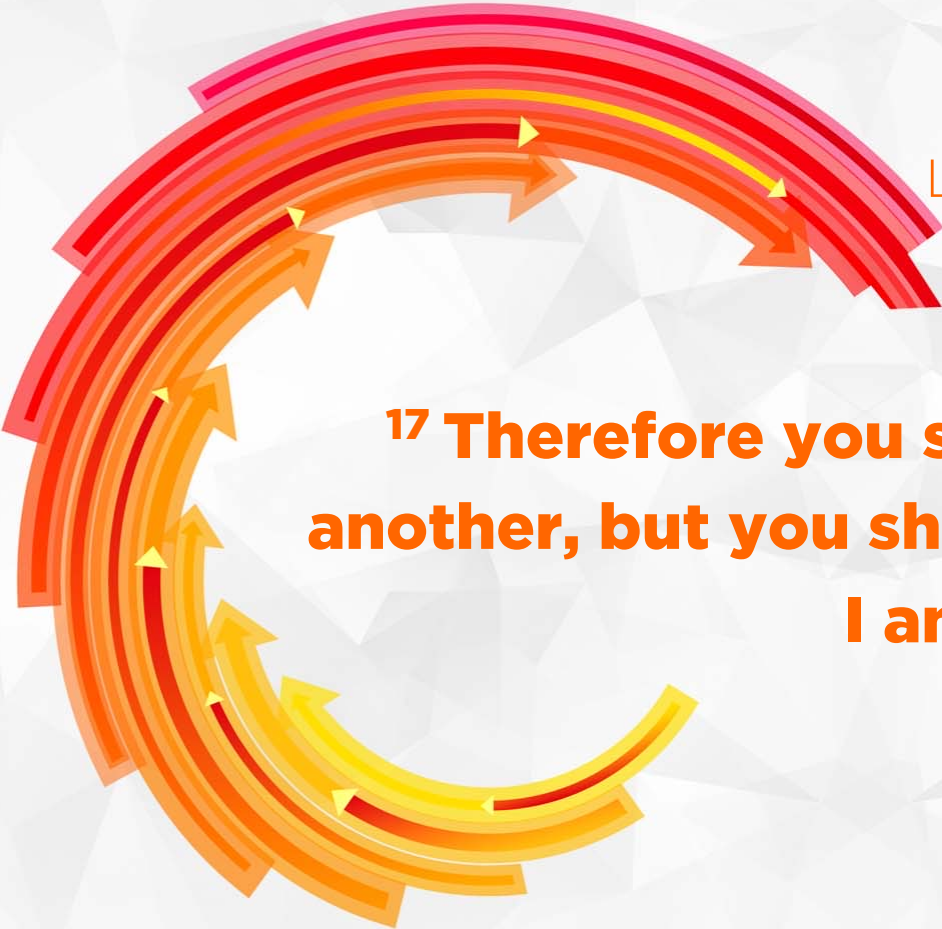
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15 According to the number of years after the Jubilee you shall buy from your neighbour, and according to the number of years of crops he shall sell to you.



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16 According to the multitude of years you shall increase its price, and according to the fewer number of years you shall diminish its price; for he sells to you according to the number of the years of the crops.



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b) Road map on Return and Reset

❖ “Return and Reset mini series”

1. Return to Possession

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2. Return to our Family and Relationships (2 sermons including CNY)

- vs 10c: each of you shall **return** to his family



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3. Return to our Rightful Attitude towards God

- vs 17b – 19: you shall fear your God; ¹⁸ for I am the Lord your God. ‘So you shall observe My statutes and keep My judgments, and perform them; and you will dwell in the land in safety.



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4. Reset of Debts and Redemption through Christ

- vs 23-34 (redemption of land)
- vs 39-54 (release of slaves)



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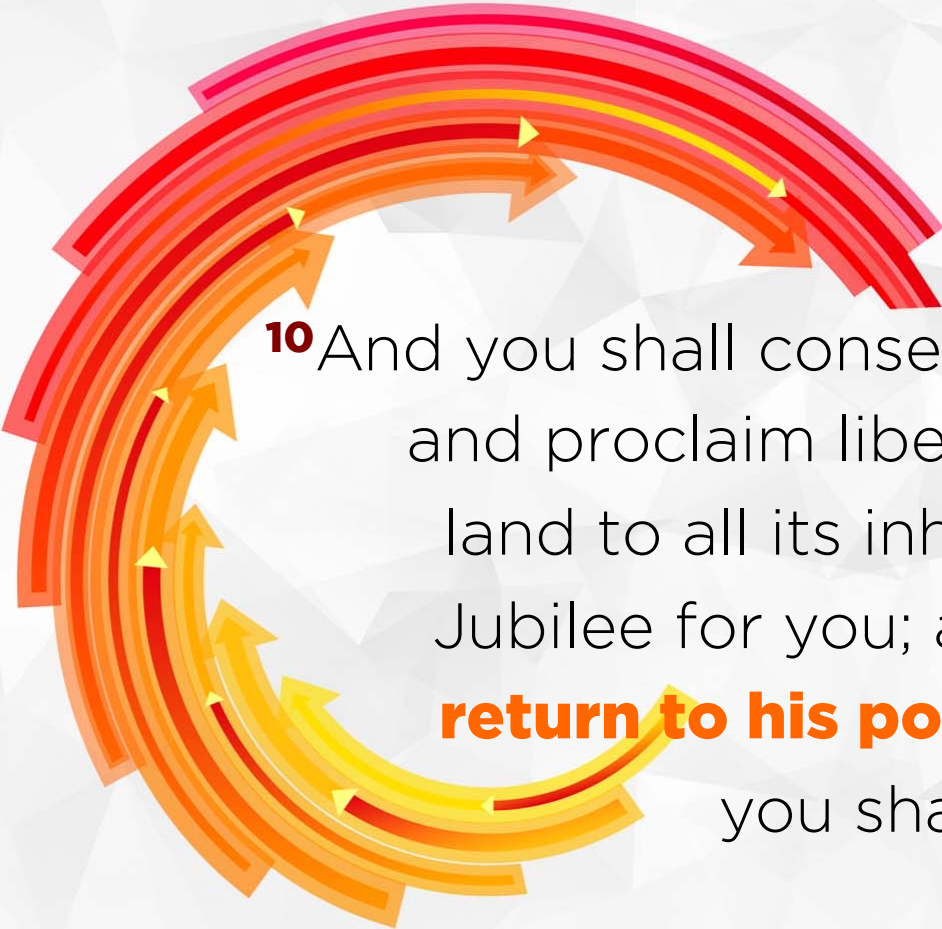
5. Reset our Attitude towards the Poor and Weak

- vs 35 “If one of your brethren becomes poor, and falls into poverty among you, then you shall help him, like a stranger or a sojourner, that he may live with you.”



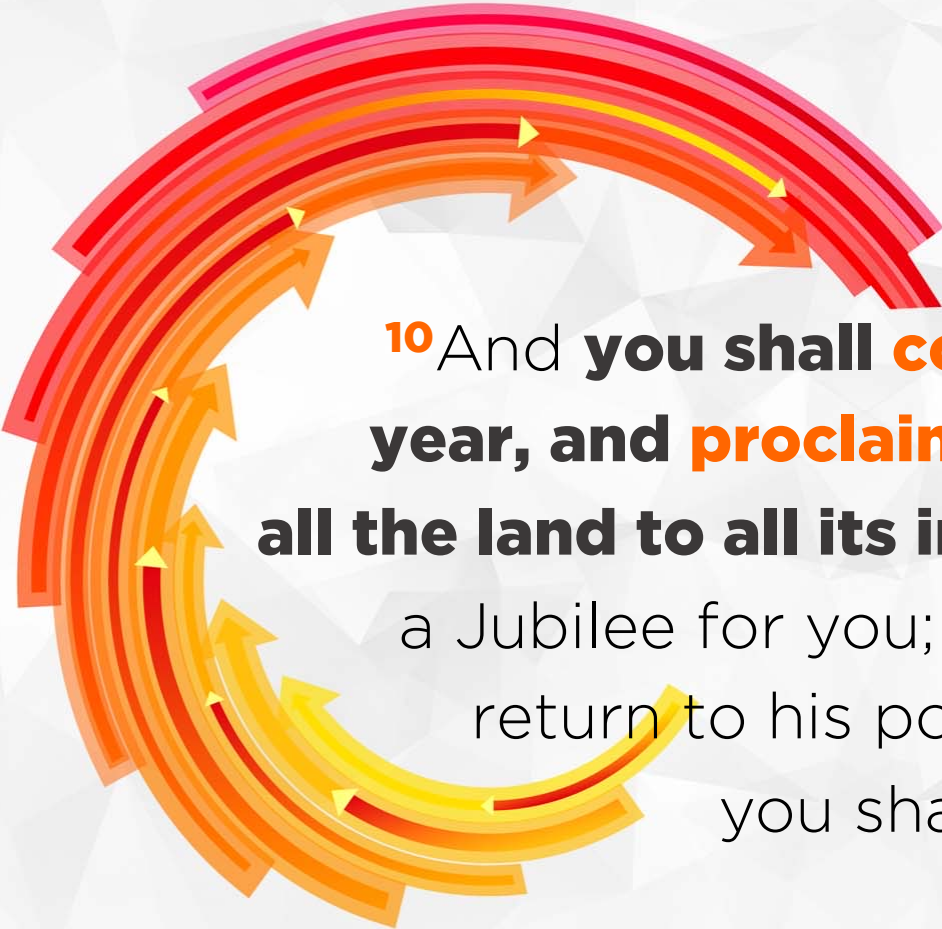
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c) Return to our Possessions



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Road Map (Part 1): Return to Our Possession

- 1. Review our Attitude towards our Possessions**
- 2. Review our Attitude towards others in Possession Matters**



1. Review our Attitude Towards our Possessions

a) The Gratification from Possessions

- There is nothing wrong with enjoying the fruits of our labour.**
- However, it is our attitude towards our possessions that we need to constantly review.**



1. Review our Attitude Towards our Possessions

b) God's Ultimate Ownership of Our Possessions

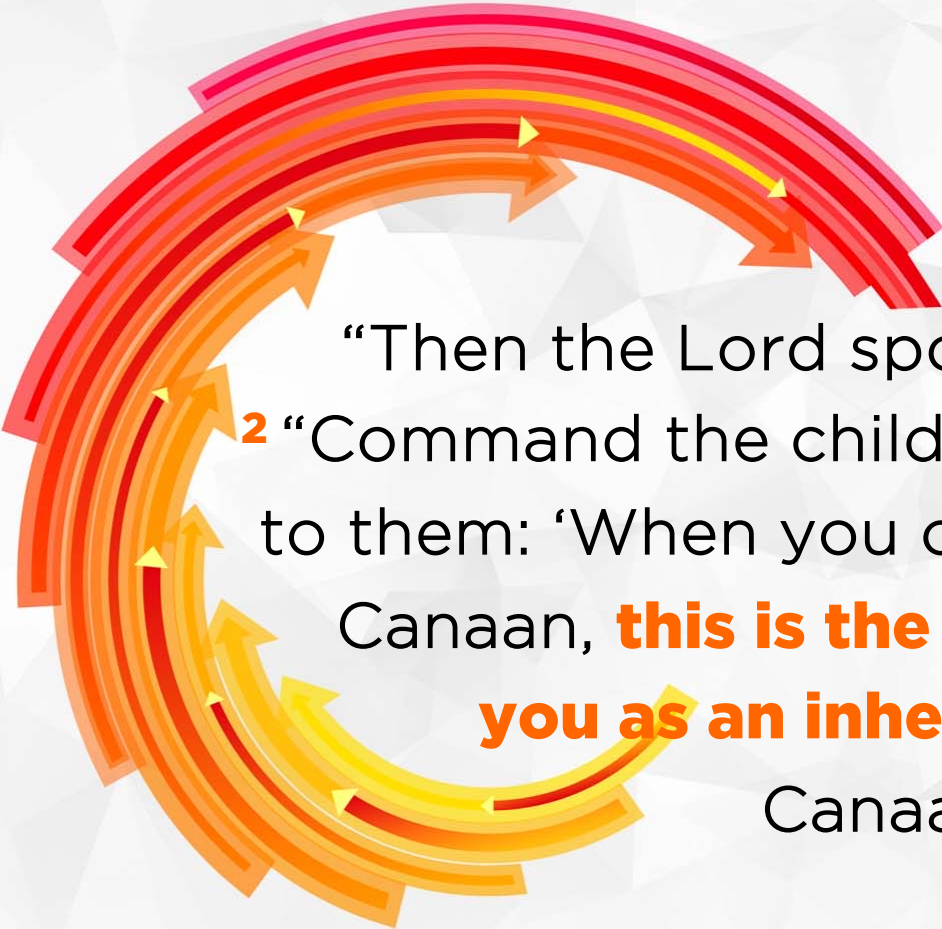
- It was fundamentally a call for the Israelites to review their attitude towards their possessions and obey God even when it cost them something.**



1. Review our Attitude Towards our Possessions

b) God's Ultimate Ownership of Our Possessions

- How so?**
- God wanted to establish with the Israelites that their attitude towards possessions is important even when they owned little or nothing.**



NUMBERS 34:1-2 (NKJV)

“Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,
2 “Command the children of Israel, and say
to them: ‘When you come into the land of
Canaan, **this is the land that shall fall to
you as an inheritance** — the land of
Canaan to its boundaries.”



LEVITICUS 25:23 (NKJV)

“The land shall not be sold permanently,
for **the land is Mine**; for you are strangers
and sojourners with Me”.



PSALM 24:1-2 (NIV)

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; **2** for He founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.



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b) God's Ultimate Ownership of Our Possessions

- Our possessions are ultimately owned by God and allotted to us for stewardship and enjoyment.**
- This must be our attitude towards our possessions.**



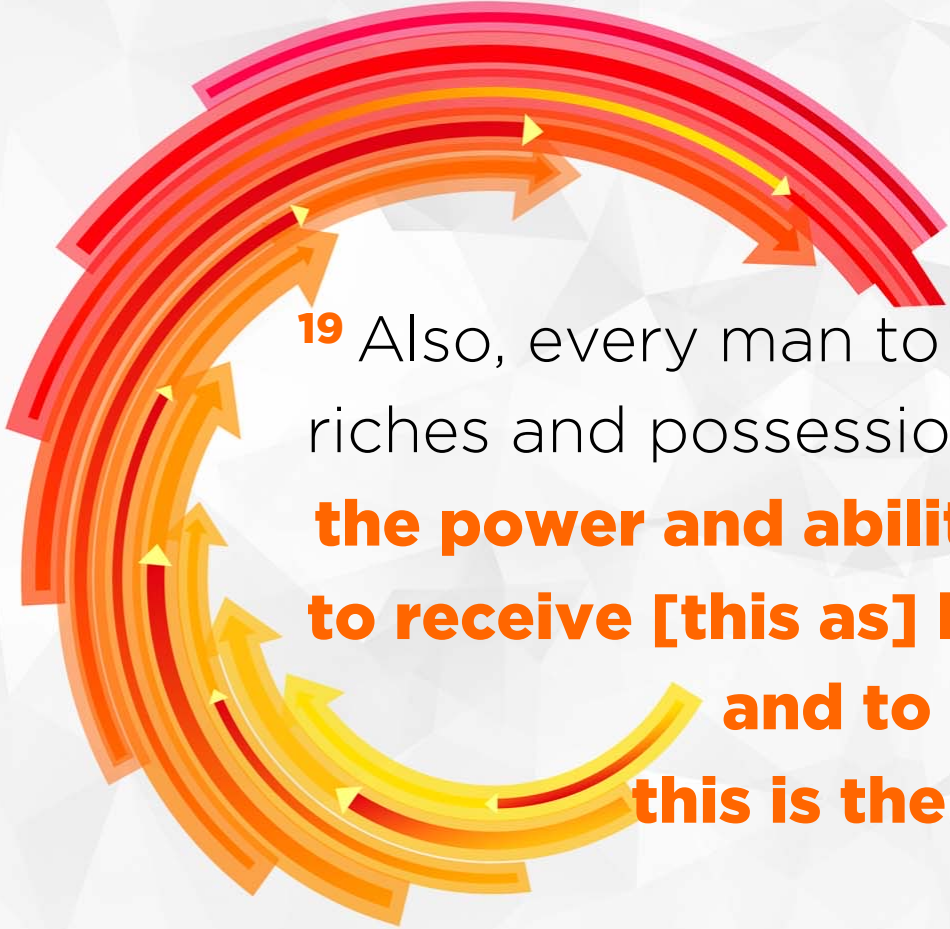
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5:18-19 (AMP)

Behold, here is what I have seen to be good and fitting: to eat and drink, and to find enjoyment in all the labor in which he labors under the sun during the few days of his life which God gives him — for this is his [allotted] reward.



ECCLESIASTES
5:18-19 (AMP)

19 Also, every man to whom God has given riches and possessions, **He has also given the power and ability to enjoy them and to receive [this as] his [allotted] portion and to rejoice in his labor — this is the gift of God [to him.]**



1. Review our Attitude Towards our Possessions

c) Allotment and Stewardship of Possessions

- It is God who allot possessions to us.**
- whatever that has been allotted to us by God, our rightful response is to labour with it and also to enjoy it**
- Matthew 25:14-30**



1. Review our Attitude Towards our Possessions

- **Principle 1: God allot talents and possessions as He wills.**
 - **God owns everything and God allot as He wills, but God is perfect and does not show partiality.**



1. Review our Attitude Towards our Possessions

- **Principle 2: We must be good stewards for what we have been entrusted with.**
 - **Let us be faithful with what we have been given.**



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 - **At the same time, let us be grateful with what we have been entrusted with.**



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- **Some of us are allotted more and some are allotted lesser but our attitude must remain the same.**



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- **Principle 2: We must be good stewards for what we have been entrusted with.**
- **We must be grateful for what we have been given and be faithful stewards of them.**



2. Review our Attitude Towards Others in Possession Matters

a) Acquisition of Wealth and Possession

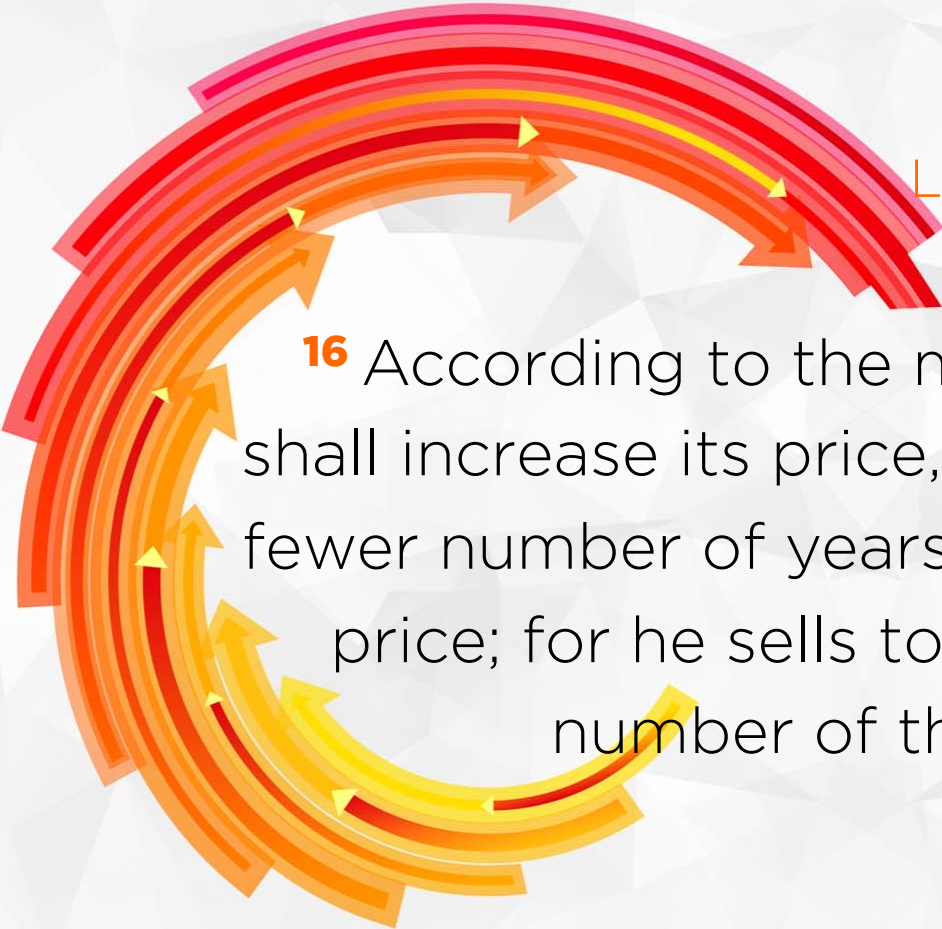
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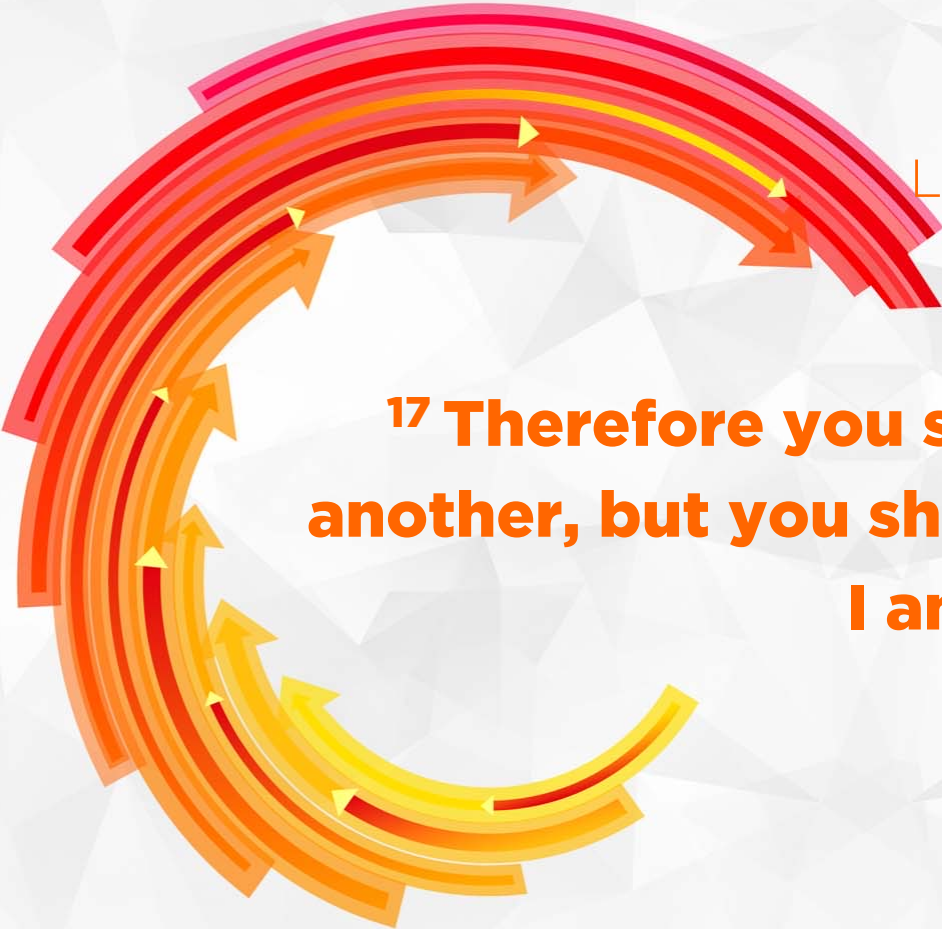
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2. Review our Attitude Towards Others in Possession Matters

a) Acquisition of Wealth and Possession

- Firstly, there is nothing wrong with the acquisition of wealth and possessions.**
- Secondly, do not oppress one another when acquiring wealth and possessions.**



2. Review our Attitude Towards Others in Possession Matters

a) Acquisition of Wealth and Possession

- Thirdly, fear God even in our dealings.**



2. Review our Attitude Towards Others in Possession Matters

b) Releasing Wealth and Possessions

- **vs 25 starts with the words** “if one of your brethren becomes poor and has sold some of his possessions”



2. Review our Attitude Towards Others in Possession Matters

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- **vs 35 also started with the words** “if one of your brethren becomes poor and falls into poverty among you”



2. Review our Attitude Towards Others in Possession Matters

b) Releasing Wealth and Possessions

- Jubilee is founded on the spirit of generosity, obedience and faith.**



CONCLUSION



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- **The first decision is whether we are willing to take this opportunity of the church Jubilee to review various aspects of our lives, in accordance to the instructions for Jubilee.**



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- **What is our attitude towards possessions in our lives?**
- **What is our attitude towards others in possession matters?**