

Reflection Saturday Week 17 – 2023

The Jubilee year that Moses introduced aimed to restore people to their origins, forgive any unpaid debts and return everyone back to a level playing field. Whether this happened more than once is uncertain for lawyers discovered ways to circumvent the spirit of the Jubilee. This Jubilee aimed to help each new generation start afresh and possibly build a better world than their forbears. Like many things that are truly good for us as a society, we lack the courage to carry it out and are consequently the poorer for it.

The 50th Jubilee was a Year of Rest. It was a time for **slaves to be freed**. During the year of Jubilee, bondservants would be freed from their debts and able to return to their own homes, free men. It also asked that **debts be forgiven**. The Year of Jubilee makes total sense in that it is a reflection of the character of God.

God Loves Rest so that we would trust him to provide for our needs. It would be like us taking a Sabbatical year off to rejuvenate. It tells us that we are not machines but created to enjoy creation and God.

God Hates Bondage It makes sense for God to institute a Year of Jubilee to free the slaves who owed their masters. And we know that **God Frees Us from our Debts**.

It would be a year focused on God and offering time for worship, prayer and reflection which can only bring us closer to God and to each other in fraternal love.

My wife told me to stop acting like a flamingo, so I had to put my foot down.

What do you call a sad cup of coffee? A Depresso.

What do you call a magician that loses his magic? Ian.