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God's covenant and law goes beyond releasing slaves after six years of service.

This covenant of freedom expresses God's very nature and purpose.

Unless we enter into the freedom God provides -- there can be no liberty.

God does not want His people living in bondage.

God wants His chosen people to enter into the same kind of relationship with other people.

So, He told them to enter into this covenant of releasing the captives.

One of major themes of Christ's ministry was setting people free.

Isaiah 61 prophesied about Christ's ministry:

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In Luke 4 Jesus took the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and unrolled it to this place.

After He read these words, He said: "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

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The message is very clear.

God established a covenant that releases people from a terrible place of captivity.

God has enough power to help the weakest.

He has enough grace to help the most unworthy.

The Psalmist said he continued waiting patiently on the Lord.

He kept on believing, hoping, and praying.

He knew that there was help in the Lord His God.

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God has provided a strong place to stand for everyone He sets free.

It is on the rock where He establishes us.

It is on the rock, Jesus Christ where He daily loads us with blessings and benefits.

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God has marvelously released us by the sacrifice of His Son.

God so loved us that He willing and freely gave His Son to pay the price for our freedom.

Jesus has become the price of release for us.

We have been redeemed by the Blood and Sacrifice of God's Son.

Because Jesus Christ, we are free.

Galatians 5:1 (NIV) It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

We all must learn to live in freedom.

We should not live in captivity or bondage.

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God wants to give us freedom from the things that hold us captive to sin.

God wants to release us from destructive habits.

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There is freedom in the truth.

If Christ has set you free, you need to know that you are released from the things that held you.

He has released you from the fear that binds.

He has released you from the burden that holds and hinders.

He has set you free.

Second, there is freedom in knowing what God has said.

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Third, there is freedom in knowing what He has done.

Do you believe that Jesus Christ took your sin to His Cross?
Do you believe that He bore your sicknesses in His body by the stripes on His back?

Do you believe that He was wounded for your transgressions?
Do you know that Jesus Christ has paid for your liberty and freedom?

Do you believe that by His stripes you are healed?

Do you believe that He was wounded for your transgressions?

Do you believe that He has conquered?

He did it so you could go free!

He did it so you should live in that freedom.

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The Good News Translation says: “the rescued will” return

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This verse is telling us that we are free and how we have been freed.

We shall have a new song...

It is the song of the redeemed.

Then it tells us about everlasting joy.

They shall obtain gladness and joy!

Sorrow, mourning, and sadness shall disappear!

I'm Free

I'm free from the fear of tomorrow

I'm free from the guilt of the past

For I've traded my shackles

For a glorious song

I'm free praise the Lord free at last

So long I had searched for life's meaning

Enslaved by the world and my greed

Then the door of my prison was opened by love

For the ransom was paid I was freed

I'm free from the guilt that I carried

From the dull empty life I'm set free

For when I met Jesus He made me complete

He forgot the foolish man I used to be

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