

January 30th , 2022, Scripture: Luke 4:14-21 Title: Faith In The Year Of The Lord's Favor

Introduction: The Chinese tablemats have pictures of ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, goat, monkey, rooster, dog, and pig. Emperor Jade is considered the highest god in heaven and one day officiated a race for animals and a rat won the race followed by an ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, goat, monkey, rooster, dog and pig.

History quiz:

- Columbus discovers America?
- Pilgrims land in Plymouth Rock?
- Year of Independence from Great Britain?
- Beginning of the Civil War?
- 9-11 Attacks?
- Attack of Pearl Harbor and entrance into WWII?

- Which year did generation X start?
- Millennials generation start?
- Generation Z?

“When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” Luke 4:16-21 NRSV

What is the Year of the Lord's favor?

The LORD said to Moses at Mount Sinai, “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘When you enter the land I am going to give you, the land itself must observe a sabbath to the LORD. For six years sow your fields, and for six years prune your vineyards and gather their crops. But in the seventh year the land is to have a year of sabbath rest, a sabbath to the LORD. Do not sow your fields or prune your vineyards. Do not reap what grows of itself or harvest the grapes of your untended vines. The land is to have a year of rest. (Leviticus 25:1-5 NIV)

Conclusion: It doesn't matter how long you have to wait for God to fulfill your need, the truth is, he is a faithful God and he will give you an answer at his own time.

The year of the Lord's favor holds great treasures for those who take hold of it. Will you do it today?