

Title: **"TODAY THIS SCRIPTURE IS FULFILLED IN YOUR HEARING"**

Text: **Luke 4:16-30, Isaiah 61:1-2**

(I) THE PROPHETIC WORD CONCERNING JESUS' EFFECTIVE MINISTRY

*"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn..." **Isaiah 61:1-2***

- 1. Revealing the future great work of the Lord Jesus**
- 2. Revealing the Lord Jesus as already fulfilling it**
- 3. Revealing the nature of prophecy**
- 4. Revealing the Lord's commitment to fulfil it**

(II) THE LORD JESUS' PERSONAL FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY

*"And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." **Luke 4:21***

- 1. Great regard for the prophetic word**
*"This Scripture is fulfilled..." **Luke 4:21***
- 2. Great consciousness of God's calling**
*"He has anointed me..." **Luke 4:18***
*"He has sent Me..." **Luke 4:18***
*"To set..." **Luke 4:18***
- 3. Great compassion for the multiple needs of people**
 - a) Those who are poor
 - b) Those who are broken-hearted
 - c) Those in spiritual bondage
 - d) Those who are spiritually blind
 - e) Those who are oppressed

4. Great power from the Spirit of God

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me ..." Luke 4:18

(III) THE PROBLEM OF UNEXPECTED DIFFICULTIES

1. Not everyone would accept and believe Jesus' fulfilment

- a) Seeing Him as only one of their own
"Is this not Joseph's son?" **Luke 4:22**
- b) "Physician, heal yourself." **Luke 4:23**
- c) No prophet accepted in their own country (**Luke 4:24-27**)
 - i) Elijah only sent to the lady at Zarephath
 - ii) Elisha only sent to heal Naaman the Syrian

2. Rejection of the Lord Jesus

- a) Angry reactions
- b) Threats (**Luke 4:28**)
- c) Danger of being killed (**Luke 4:29**)

(IV) THE PRACTICAL RESPONSES TO THE PROPHETIC WORD

1. Faith in the prophetic word

- a) The example of Jesus in meeting needs (**Isaiah 61:1-2**)
- b) The coming day of vengeance of our God (**Isaiah 61:2**)

2. Following through

- a) It takes commitment
- b) It takes knowledge of the Scriptures
- c) It takes deep conviction for people
- d) It takes tenacity of spirit