

GOING HOME

1. Text: Luke 4:16-21
2. This passage is in a larger context of verses 14 through 30. All this section of Scripture provides valuable lessons concerning our Lord or our response to Him.

I. **The Return**

1. Christ returns to Galilee “in the power of the Spirit.”
2. News, reports. Rumors “echo” through the area.
3. Luke 4:15 “He taught.” And He was praised by everyone.
4. Verse 16: Came to Nazareth where He was brought up.
5. “As was His custom or habit” He worshiped at right time and place.
6. Synagogue pattern: Shema recited , prayer, reading from law (standing), reading from prophets (standing), sermon or exhortation (sitting), benediction or prayer.

II. **The Reading And Revelation**

1. Jesus reads from Isaiah 61:1-2 and 58:6, either by providence or personal choice.
2. The “proof-texting” our Lord did here would be highly criticized in some circles today. He added a part of one verse and stopped the reading at a comma and “the day of our God’s vengeance.” Why?
3. His amazing revelation: “I am the one described here.” Today, not in some far off future, this is fulfilled. Take this opportunity.
4. He is the anointed (Messiah, Christ), evangelist (gospel presented), healer, liberator, proclaimer.

III. **The Responses**

1. Their first reaction was marvel, amazement. But there is a difference between astonishment and admiration or appreciation or acceptance.
2. His were “gracious” words: beautiful, attractive, wonderful.
3. But their second response was “Is this not Joseph’s son?” Now skeptical.
4. Notice: They thought they knew Him, but they really did not know anything! Apply:

IV. **The Reply**

1. The Lord answers with two proverbs and two historical incidents.
2. “Physician, heal thyself.” Point: You should show evidence for your claim, as you did in Capernaum. (Verse 23)
3. “No prophet is accepted in his own country.” Christ wasn’t. This is the normal case.
4. I Kings 17:8-16 and II Kings 5:1-14 have the two historical examples. In the midst of Israel, God helped only two gentiles. God’s will and work in the world?

V. **The Rage**

1. At the mention of God’s blessing of gentiles, the people flew into a violent, sudden hostility. See Acts 13:45, 50; 22:21-22.
2. Blessings from belief, not birth.
3. They intend to kill Him.

VI. **The Removal**

1. Verse 30: “He passed through their midst.”
2. Was this a miracle? Best to see as power of His personality.
3. He moves on to greater things.

Conclusion:

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