

Title: The oaks of righteousness

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The Spirit of the Lord

Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has **anointed** me to **bring good news** to the **poor**;

Matthews 5:3 "Blessed are the **poor in spirit**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven".

Luke 4:21 And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Isaiah 61:2-3 ² and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³ to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the **oil of gladness** instead of mourning, the **garment of praise instead of a faint spirit**; that they may be called **oaks of righteousness**, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

Matthew 5:4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted".

Build up the ancient ruins

Isaiah 61:4 They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

Isaiah 61:5 Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks; foreigners shall be your plow-men and vinedressers;

Priests of the LORD

Isaiah 61:6 but you shall be called the **priests of the LORD**; they shall speak of you as **the ministers of our God**; you shall eat the wealth of the nations, and in their glory you shall boast.

1 Peter 2:5 you yourselves like **living stones** are being **built up** as a **spiritual house**, to be a **holy priesthood**,

1 Peter 2:9 you are a **chosen race**, a **royal priesthood**, a **holy nation**, a people for his own possession

Isaiah 61:7 Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion; instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot; therefore in their land they **shall possess a double portion**; they shall have **everlasting joy**.

Everlasting Covenant

Isaiah 61:8 For I the LORD love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an **everlasting covenant** with them.

This covenant is Good News to the nations

John 3:16-17 ¹⁶ "For **God so loved the world**, that he gave his only Son, that **whoever believes** in him should not perish but have **eternal life**. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

2 Corinthians 5:21 For our sake he made **him to be sin (sin offering) who knew no sin**, so that in him we might become the **righteousness of God**.

Ephesians 2:8 ⁸ For **by grace** you have been **saved through faith**. And this is not your own doing; it is the **gift of God**, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Descendants or offspring will be blessed

Isaiah 61:9 Their **offspring** shall be **known** among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall **acknowledge** them, that **they are an offspring the LORD has blessed**.

Therefore we can Rejoice in the LORD

Isaiah 61:10 I will **greatly rejoice in the LORD**; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the **garments of salvation**; he has **covered me** with the robe of **righteousness**, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

God's love is for the Nations

Isaiah 61:11 **so the Lord GOD** will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before **all the nations**.

Psalm 2:8 **Ask of me**, and I will make the **nations** your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

Mark 11:17 'My house shall be called a **house of prayer for all the nations**'?

1 Timothy 2:4 God who **desires all people** to be **saved** and to come to the **knowledge** of the **truth**.

How will they know the good news if we don't tell them?

Romans 10:13-18 ¹³ For "**everyone** who calls on the name of the Lord will **be saved**." ¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "**How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!**" ¹⁶ But **they have not all obeyed the gospel**. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷ So **faith**

comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. ¹⁸ But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for "Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world."

Therefore

Isaiah 62:10-12 ¹⁰ Go through, **go through the gates**; **prepare the way** for the people; **build up**, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up a signal over the peoples. ¹¹ Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold, **your salvation comes**; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." ¹² And they shall be called **The Holy People**, The Redeemed of the LORD; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

Luke 9:2 and JESUS sent them out to **proclaim the kingdom** of God and to **heal**. Preach, heal, deliver, comfort, rebuild and serve

Matthew 28:19-20 ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All **authority** in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ **Go** therefore and **make disciples** of all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ **teaching** them to **observe all** that I have **commanded** you. **And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.**"