

They will be called “Oaks of Righteousness”!

- “...They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.” (Isaiah 61:3b)
- “The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor...” (Isaiah 61:1-3)
- “as was his custom. He stood up to read,¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: “The Spirit of the Lord is on me... He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” (Luke 4:16-18, 21)

I) Why are they called “Oaks of Righteousness”?

- “The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because **the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.** He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,” (Isaiah 61:1-2a)
- ² **to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God,**” (Isaiah 61:1-2a)
- “They will be called oaks of righteousness, **a planting of the LORD** for the display of his splendor.” (Isaiah 61:3b)

II) What is the power of the “good news” according to Isaiah 61:1-3?

- (A) “He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,” (Psa. 34:18; Hosea 6:1-2; Matt. 11:28-30)
- (B) “to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,” (1 Peter 2:9)
- (C) ² to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, (Isa. 34:8; Luke 2:14; 21:22)

(D) “to comfort all who mourn,³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning,” (Isa. 25:8; Zech. 9:16-17)

(E) “And a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.” (Psa. 33:1; 42:5)

(F) “They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.” (Isa. 60:21; Eze. 47:8-9)

□ **Why? “The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me...”**
(Isaiah 61:1)

II) Who are “Oaks of Righteousness” according to Isaiah 61:1 b-3

(A) They are those who...

- ☐ Have the gospel planted in them and are deeply impacted, born again!
- ☐ Have their wounds bound up, healed, and broken hearts revived!
- ☐ Are freed from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light!
- ☐ Are enjoying His life of favor (grace)!
- ☐ Are deeply comforted now enjoying the oil of joy and the crown of beauty!
- ☐ Are full of praise and gladness!
- ☐ Are fill with the Spirit of the Lord!