

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!

(B) Moreover...

- (1) “They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations.” (Isaiah 61:4)
- (2) “⁶ And you will be called priests of the LORD, you will be named ministers of our God. You will feed on the wealth of nations, and in their riches you will boast. ⁵ Strangers will shepherd your flocks; foreigners will work your fields and vineyards.” (Isaiah 61:5)
Ref: (Rev. 5:9,10)
- (3) “⁷ Instead of your shame you will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace you will rejoice in your inheritance. And so you will inherit a double portion in your land, and everlasting joy will be yours.” (Isaiah 61:7)

(4) “⁹ Their descendants will be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples. All who see them will acknowledge that they are a people the LORD has blessed.” (Isaiah 61:9) “In my faithfulness I will reward my people and make an everlasting covenant with them.”(Isaiah 61:8b)

(5) “¹¹ For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.” (Isaiah 61:11)

□ **Why? Because of Christ who said, “I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.” (Isaiah 61:10)**