

# ISAIAH 61

The mighty Spirit of YHVH Elohim is wrapped around me because YHVH has anointed me, as a messenger to preach good news to the poor. He sent me to heal the wounds of the brokenhearted, to tell captives, "You are free," and to tell prisoners, "Be free from your darkness."

I am sent to announce a new season of YHVH's grace and a time of YHVH's recompense on his enemies, to comfort all who are in sorrow, to strengthen those crushed by despair who mourn in Zion to give them a beautiful bouquet in the place of ashes, the oil of bliss instead of tears, and the mantle of joyous praise instead of the spirit of heaviness.

Because of this, they will be known as  
Mighty Oaks of Righteousness  
planted by YHVH as a living display of  
his glory.

They will restore ruins from long ago  
and rebuild what was long devastated  
They will renew ruined cities and  
desolations of past generations.

Foreigners will be appointed to  
shepherd your many flocks; strangers  
will cultivate your fields and tend your  
vines.

But you will be known as Priests of  
YHVH, and called Servants of our  
Elohim .You will feast on the wealth of  
nations and revel in their riches!

Because you received a double portion of shame and dishonor, you will inherit a double portion of endless joy and everlasting bliss!

“For I, YHVH, love fairness and justice, and I hate stealing and sin. I will rightly repay them because of my faithfulness and enter into an everlasting covenant with them.

Their seed will be famous among the nations, and their descendants the center of attention of the people.

All who see them will recognize that they are the seed that YHVH has blessed with favor!”

I will sing and greatly rejoice in YHVH!  
My whole being vibrates with shouts *of joy* in my Elohim!

For He has dressed me with  
salvation and wrapped me in the robe  
of *his* righteousness!

*I appear* like a bridegroom *on His  
wedding day*, decked out with a beautiful  
sash, or like a radiant bride adorned with  
sparkling jewels.

In the same way the earth produces its  
crops and seeds spring up in a garden,  
so will YHVH cause righteousness and  
praise to blossom before all the nations!