

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 278 – Spirit Of The Lord Upon Me Through The Lord Will Cause (Isaiah 61:1-11)

1. As we begin this chapter, who are we reading about?

The first two verses say this: *“(1) The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; (2) To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn” (Isaiah 61:1-2).*

- Jesus said that this is talking about Him (**Luke 4:14-21**).
- Jesus, the Spirit of the Lord upon Him (**Matthew 3:13-17, John 1:30-34, and John 3:34-35**).
- Good tidings to the meek (**Matthew 5:5**).
- Bind up the brokenhearted (**II Thessalonians 2:16-17**).
- Set free captives (**John 8:31-32 and Romans 6:22**).
- The acceptable year (**II Corinthians 6:1-2**).
- The days of the vengeance tie to the first century (**Luke 21:1-32**).

2. Would those that mourned in Zion have a future of glory in store for them?

Yes: *“To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified” (Isaiah 61:3).*

- If those of Zion had put on ashes, oil, and sackcloth that would indicate repentance (**Daniel 9:1-19**).
- That mourning and work of repentance is going to benefit in a changing of garments, etc. (**Luke 15:11-24**).
- Trees of righteousness (cf. **Psalms 1:1-3 and Jeremiah 17:8**).

3. What future did the waste cities of Israel have coming?

Rebuilding: *“And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations” (Isaiah 61:4).*

- God promised Israel He'd tear them down (**Jeremiah 1:9**), but also build them back up (**Jeremiah 24:6-7 and Amos 9:14-15**).
- Most significantly, they'd be built up as a spiritual nation inclusive of all who obey the Lord (**Isaiah 54:1-3 and I Peter 2:9**).

4. What were strangers going to do in the future for the Israelites?

Feed their flocks: *“And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers” (Isaiah 61:5).*

- Directly out of captivity this applied (**Isaiah 14:1-2**).
- This also applies into the first century (**Romans 15:26-27**).
- The spiritual side of this is looking far forward (**Isaiah 60:10-12**).

5. What would they be named and called?

Priests and Ministers of God: *“But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves”* (**Isaiah 61:6**).

- Be named priests of the Lord (**I Peter 2:5** and **Revelation 1:6**).
- Ministers [servants] of God (**Mark 10:43-45**).
- As noted in the point on question 4, eating of the riches of the Gentiles (**Romans 15:26-27**).

6. Would the shame of Israel continue?

No, they'd get a return of double for what they went through: *“For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them”* (**Isaiah 61:7**).

- The return of double for their shame is a principle we saw in Job (**Job 42:1-10**).
- God knows how to reward those who endure (**Zechariah 9:12-17**, **Matthew 10:22**, and **Revelation 2:10**).

7. In what way did God say He would direct their work?

In truth: *“For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them”* (**Isaiah 61:8**).

- The Lord loves judgment (**Psalms 33:5**).
- He hates robbery for burnt offering (**Amos 5:21-24**).
- He would direct their work in truth (**Psalms 25:8** and **John 16:13**).
- Establishment of an everlasting covenant (**Hebrews 13:20**) because their current covenant here is temporary (**Jeremiah 31:31-34**).

8. What did God say of the seed of the children of Israel?

Known among the Gentiles: *“And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the LORD hath blessed”* (**Isaiah 61:9**).

- The seed of Israel has to be known among the Gentiles for it is through that seed we are saved (**Isaiah 41:8**; cf. **Genesis 22:18**).

9. What caused the rejoicing in the Lord?

"I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels" (Isaiah 61:10).

- Rejoicing in the Lord (**Psalms 32:11**, **Habakkuk 3:18**, and **I Thessalonians 5:16**).
- For being clothed with garments of salvation (**Psalms 132:16**, **Psalms 149:4**, and **I Thessalonians 5:8-9**).
- For being covered in the robe of righteousness (**Job 29:14**).
- As a bride or bridegroom decked out for marriage (**Isaiah 49:18**).

10. What was promised to spring up before all nations?

Righteousness and praise to spring forth before all nations: *"For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations" (Isaiah 61:11).*

- As the earth brings forth her bud... (**Isaiah 55:10-11**).
- They were familiar with such promises (**Psalms 85:11-13**).
- This seed however is one that was to bring righteousness (**Romans 3:22**) and praise before all nations (**Philippians 1:11**).