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Trusting God Alone In A Broken World

Isaiah 61:1-11

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, 2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, 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, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor. 4 They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations. 5 Strangers will shepherd your flocks; foreigners will work your fields and vineyards. 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. 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. 8 "For I, the Lord, love justice; I hate robbery and wrongdoing. In my faithfulness I will reward my people and make an everlasting covenant with them. 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." 10 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. 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.

This is God's Word

I. What is the problem?

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, 2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
Isaiah 61:1,2a

When Jesus Christ preached his very first sermon in Luke 4, he preached on this text above. After reading Isaiah 61:1,2a

He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant, and sat down. All eyes in the synagogue looked at him intently. 21 Then he began to speak to them. "The Scripture you've just heard has been fulfilled this very day!"
Luke 4:20,21

Jesus tells us that Isaiah 61 was written with Him in mind.

"to preach good news to the poor" Economically broken.
"He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted" Emotionally broken.

"proclaim freedom for the captives" Intellectual blindness.
"and release from darkness for the prisoners," Spiritual blindness.

"to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor" Year of Jubilee
From Leviticus 25

What the year of Jubilee looks like:

³...and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.
Isaiah 61:3

⁴They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations. ⁵Aliens will shepherd your flocks; foreigners will work your fields and vineyards.
Isaiah 61:4, 5

What does that tell us about sin?

II. What is God doing about it?

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

Isaiah in writing his book contrasts two apparently different characters.

1st Connection:

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.² *The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him...* Isaiah 11:1,2

(This figure is cast as a conquering hero in the early chapters of Isaiah)

2nd Connection:

"Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one *in whom* My soul delights. *I have put My Spirit upon Him*; He will bring forth justice to the nations.
Isaiah 42:1

(This figure is cast as a suffering servant in the middle of Isaiah.)

God's Principal of Substitution

[I will] provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty *instead* of ashes, the oil of gladness *instead* of mourning, and a garment of praise *instead* of a spirit of despair." Isaiah 61:3

III. How Should We Respond?

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

¹⁰ 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