

Isaiah 61

The Year of the LORD's Favor
(Luke 4:16–30)

- 1**The spirit of the Lord God is upon me; Because the LORD hath anointed me To bring good tidings unto the humble; He hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the eyes to them that are bound;
- 2**To proclaim the year of the LORD'S good pleasure, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all that mourn;
- 3**To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, To give unto them a garland for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The mantle of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they might be called terebinths of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, wherein He might glory.
- 4**And they shall build the old wastes, They shall raise up the former desolations, And they shall renew the waste cities, The desolations of many generations.
- 5**And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, And aliens shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers.
- 6**But ye shall be named the priests of the LORD, Men shall call you the ministers of our God; Ye shall eat the wealth of the nations, And in their splendour shall ye revel.
- 7**For your shame which was double, And for that they rejoiced: 'Confusion is their portion'; Therefore in their land they shall possess double, Everlasting joy shall be unto them.
- 8**For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery with iniquity; And I will give them their recompense in truth, And I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
- 9**And their seed shall be known among the nations, And their offspring among the peoples; All that see them shall acknowledge them, That they are the seed which the LORD hath blessed.
- 10**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 victory, As a bridegroom putteth on a priestly diadem, And as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.
- 11**For as the earth bringeth forth her growth, And as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; So the Lord GOD will cause victory and glory To spring forth before all the nations.