



HOUSE *OF* PRAYER

Isaiah 61

The Spirit of the Lord God is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and freedom to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of our God's vengeance; to comfort all who mourn, to provide for those who mourn in Zion; to give them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, festive oil instead of mourning, and splendid clothes instead of despair. And they will be called righteous trees, planted by the Lord to glorify him.

-Isaiah 61:1-3





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Support and
protect others

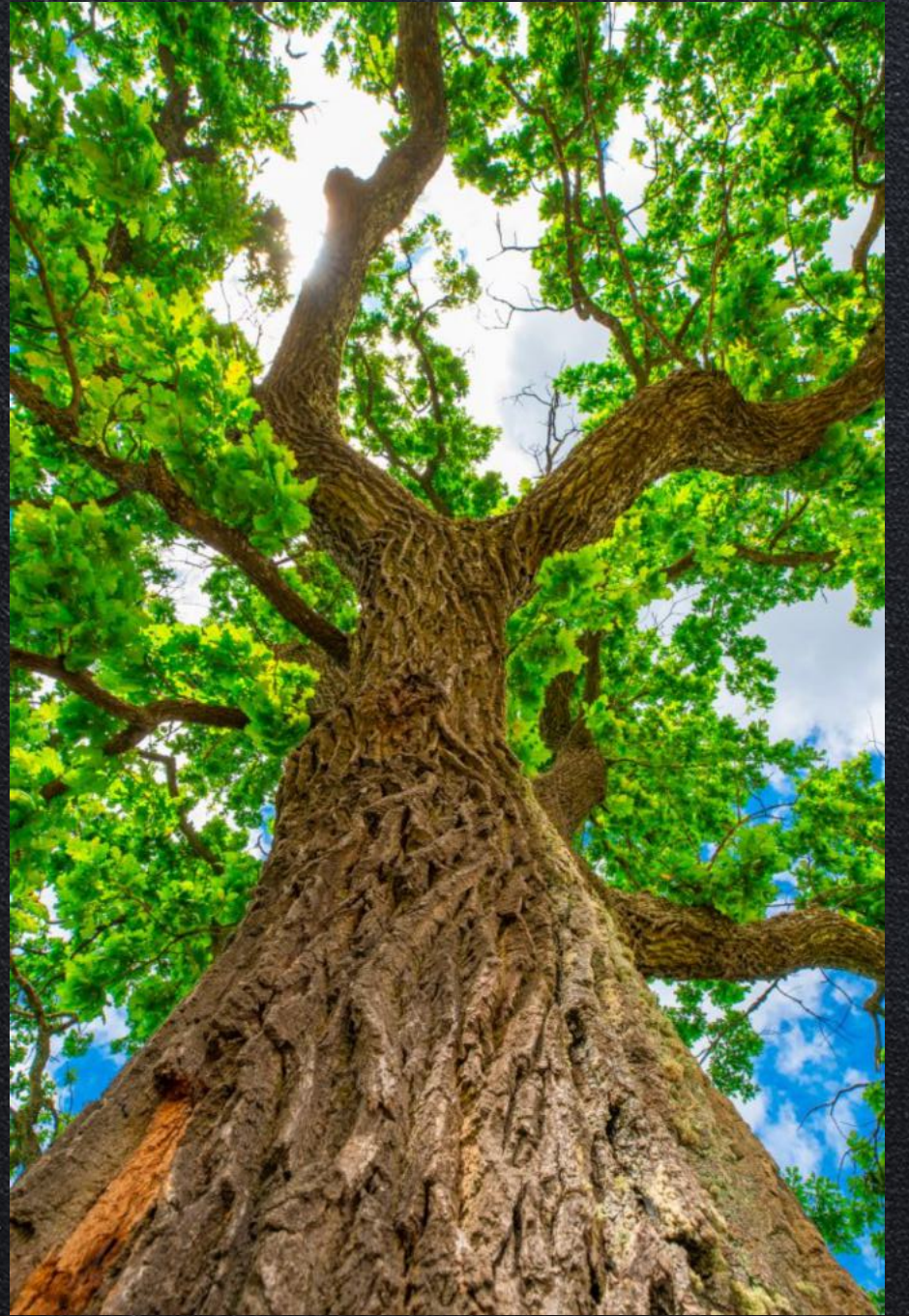


Ashes → Beauty

Mourning → Oil

Despair → Praise

JOY



They will **rebuild the ancient ruins**; they will restore the former devastations; they will renew the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

-Isaiah 61:4

Strangers will stand and feed your flocks, and foreigners will be your plowmen and vinedressers. But you will be called the Lord's priests; they will speak of you as ministers of our God. You will eat the wealth of the nations, and you will boast in their riches. Because your shame was double, and they cried out, "Disgrace is their portion," therefore they will possess double in their land, and eternal joy will be theirs.

-Isaiah 61:5-7

The Anointed One is
duplicating Himself.

“You yourselves, as living stones, a spiritual house, are being built to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ...But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the one who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

-1 Peter 2:5, 9

For I the Lord love justice; I hate robbery and injustice. I will faithfully reward my people and make a permanent covenant with them. Their descendants will be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples. All who see them will recognize that they are a people the Lord has blessed.

-Isaiah 61:8-9

The year of the Lord's favor
or the day of vengeance?

It depends on your
relationship with the Judge.

Blessed are the...

- Meek
- Merciful
- Poor in spirit
- Mourning
- Pure in heart
- Hungry
- Peacemakers
- Persecuted

The Isaiah 61 Believer...

- Brokenhearted in need of comfort
- A rebuilder of the ruins
- A minister and priest

Where do you find
yourself in Isaiah 61?

BROKENHEARTED

- Still reeling
- Sad
- Confused
- In despair
- Frustrated with the church
- Still processing
- Asking questions

REBUILDER

- Ready to move forward
- Thinking about details
- Figuring out plans
- Running through scenarios
- Excited for the future
- Ready to step up to the challenge

MINISTER

- Your heart is for people
- Listening, praying, crying with
- Checking in
- You can relate
- You've processed some already
- Ready to support

TENSION FOR THE BROKENHEARTED

- Frustrated that others don't seem to be affected.
- Feel like people don't care.
- Others are processing in ways you don't understand.
- Get bogged down and can't pull yourself out

TENSION FOR THE REBUILDER

- People are dwelling on it too much.
- There are practical pieces that need to be assessed.
- Run full steam ahead without considering the full situation.
- Put plans and systems over people.
- Feel guilt that you're moving on too quickly.

TENSION FOR THE MINISTER

- Talking things to death.
- Not able to provide helpful answers because of exhaustion.
- Not deal with their own feelings and just focus on others.

THE BROKENHEARTED NEED...

- Ministers

- People to talk to, to care for you.

- Rebuilders

- Provide hope and optimism for the future

THE REBUILDERS NEED...

- Brokenhearted

- Remember people are hurting and you can't just rush forward.

- Ministers

- Caring for people is important too!

THE MINISTERS NEED...

- Brokenhearted

- Build up and care for those who are hurting.

- Rebuilders

- Practical things need to get done.

I am brokenhearted.

I am a rebuilder.

I am a minister.

The body of Christ
needs each other.

We all need JESUS.

TO THE BROKENHEARTED:

Jesus is the
ultimate Comforter.

TO THE REBUILDERS:

Jesus is the Head of
First Alliance Church.

TO THE MINISTERS:

Jesus is our Savior.

I will rejoice greatly in the Lord, I will exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation and wrapped me in a robe of righteousness, as a groom wears a turban and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its growth, and as a garden enables what is sown to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

-Isaiah 61:10-11