

WHAT GOD SAVES US FROM AND FOR

Isaiah 61

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Isaiah 61:1-3

CHRIST WOULD COME TO **SAVE US...**

- From our **affliction** – 61:1
- From our **broken hearts** – 61:1
- From our **captivity** – 61:1-2; 1 Cor. 6:1-2
- From our **mourning** – 61:2-3
 - He gives *beautiful headdress* instead of *ashes*
 - He gives *the oil of joy/gladness* instead of *mourning*
 - He gives *garments of praise* instead of the *spirit of heaviness*

RESULTS: TREES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

- We are saved to be called “trees/oaks/terebinths of righteousness” – 6:3
- Why terebinth/oak trees?
 - There is a connection to God’s previous condemnation of Israel – Isa. 1:29-30; Lk. 3:9
 - They can be both majestic and ugly at the same time, twisted and knotted by nature’s many attacks.
 - That is how the storms of life and sin leave us—twisted and scarred!
- God doesn’t reject us, but sent Jesus to replant us and make us grow for His glory – Jer. 17:7-8

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Isaiah 61:4-11

WE ARE SAVED TO BE...

- **Builders** – 61:4

- Terebinths/oaks as construction workers restoring and rebuilding the ruin and desolation.
- Ruin and desolation is the life of sin – Rev. 21:8; Eph. 2:1-5
- We must help rebuild, just as God rebuilt our lives – 2 Cor. 1:4; 2 Cor. 8:18

- **Priests** of God – 61:6

- 1st century Christians appreciated what this meant
- Things and changed and God now gets his priests from the trash heap, the nobodies! – 61:1-3; 1 Pet. 2:4-5

WE ARE SAVED TO BE...

- **Examples of the beauty of God's salvation to the world – 61:7-11**
 - The **shame** of sin is replaced with **double honor** and continual **rejoicing** – 61:7-8
 - With this privilege comes the responsibility of living as God's saved before the world – 61:9; Matt. 5:16
 - We rejoice because God has clothed us in salvation, righteousness, and praise to show to the world – 61:10-11



Luke 4:18-21

THIS PROPHECY IS BEING FULFILLED
BEFORE YOU!