

# Isaiah

## Isaiah 1:21-26

*See how the faithful city has become a prostitute! She once was full of justice; tzedaqah used to dwell in her — but now murderers! Your silver has become dross, your choice wine is diluted with water.*

*Your rulers are rebels, partners with thieves; they all love bribes and chase after gifts. They do not defend the cause of the fatherless; the widow's case does not come before them. . . I will restore your leaders as in days of old, your rulers as at the beginning. Afterward you will be called the City of Tzedaqah, the Faithful City.”*

## Isaiah 32:17-18

*The work of tzedaqah shall be shalom,  
and the pledge of tzedaqah shall be safety that continues forever.*

*My people will dwell in a pasture of shalom,  
in dwelling places of safety and secure resting places.*

## Isaiah 58:6-11

*Is this not the fast that I have chosen (for My people): to break the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke?*

*Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; when you see the naked, that you cover him, and not hide yourself from your own flesh?*

*Then your light shall break forth like the morning, your healing shall spring forth speedily, and your tzedaqah shall go before you; the glory of **Yahweh** shall gather you. Then you shall call, and Yahweh will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, ‘Here I am.’*

*If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, if you extend your soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul, then your light shall dawn in the darkness, and your darkness shall be as the noonday. Yahweh will guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in drought, and strengthen your bones; you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.*

## **Isaiah 61:1-3, 11**

<sup>1-3</sup> *The Spirit of the **Lord Yahweh** is upon Me, because **Yahweh** has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives, and to the prisoners – complete opening. To proclaim the acceptable year of **Yahweh**, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all mourners; to appoint to the mourners of Zion, to give them beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of the spirit of infirmity; that one calls them trees of tzedaqah, planting of **Yahweh**, to beautify Himself. . . .*

*For as the earth brings forth her buds, and as a garden makes the things that are sown grow, so the **Lord Yahweh** makes tzedaqah and praise grow before all the nations.*

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