

## Isaiah 61

<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 they one calls them **trees of tzedaqah**, planting of Yahweh, to beautify Himself.

<sup>4-7</sup> And they shall build ruins of forever; desolations of former times they shall raise up; and they shall restore cities of waste, ruins generations. And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of an alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. But you shall be called Priest of Yahweh, Ministers our God. It shall be said of you, riches of the nations you shall eat and in their glory you shall boast. Instead of your shame, double; and *instead of* disgrace they shall rejoice in your portion. Therefore in their land a second time they shall possess eternal joy.

<sup>8-9</sup> For I Yahweh love justice; hating plunder in a burnt offering, and I will give their work in truth; and I will cut an everlasting covenant for them. And their descendants shall be known in the nations and their offspring in the midst of the peoples; all seeing them shall regard them that they are the seed Yahweh has blessed.

<sup>10</sup> I will greatly rejoice in Yahweh; let My soul exult in my God; for He has clothed me with **garments of salvation**, the **robe of tzedaqah** He has put on me; as a bridegroom is adorned with his turban, and as the bride wears her jewels.

<sup>11</sup> 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.