



A Vision for Multiplying Laborers

ISAIAH 60:21-61:11

The Laborers for the Harvest

Matthew 9:35-38

- The ministry of Jesus is described
 - Preaching, teaching, healing, compassion
 - The *harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd*
 - The solution: a certain kind of person—a laborer

Laborers...Oaks of Righteousness

Isaiah 60:21-61:11

- The ministry of the *LORD*'s servant
 - Preaching, proclaiming, binding up, comforting
 - The broken hearted, the captives, those who mourn
 - The solution: a certain kind of person—an oak of righteousness

Shoots...Oaks...Seeds: Multiplying (Isaiah 60:21-61:11)

- *The **shoot** I have planted...*
 - Promises of growth and blessing
 - The servant of the LORD speaks
- ***Oaks** of righteousness...*
 - Promises of growth and blessing
 - The redeemed of the LORD speaks
- *A **garden** (orchard) causes **seeds** to grow*

Outline: Isaiah 60:21-61:11

- The **LORD** speaks
 - About His people (60:21)
 - To His people (60:22)
- The **Servant of the LORD** speaks (61:1-3a)
- The **LORD** speaks
 - About His people (61:3b-4)
 - To His people (61:5-6)
 - About His people (61:7-9)
- The **redeemed of the LORD** speaks (61:10-11)

The Ministry of the Servant of the LORD

Isaiah 60:21-61:11

- *The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the **poor** (61:1)*
- *He has sent me to (61:1-3)*
 - *Bind up the **brokenhearted***
 - *Proclaim freedom for the **captives** and release...for **the prisoners***
 - *Proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance*

The Ministry of the Servant of the LORD

Isaiah 60:21-61:11

- Comfort *all who mourn*
- Provide for *those who grieve*
- Bestow on *them*
 - A crown of beauty *instead of* ashes
 - The oil of gladness *instead of* mourning
 - A garment of praise *instead of* a spirit of despair
- *They* will be called oaks of righteousness

Fruit of the Servant's Ministry Described

Isaiah 60:21-61:11

- ***They** will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of His splendor (61:3)*
- ***They** are the shoot I have planted, the work of My hands, for the display of My splendor (60:21)*
- ***They** will rebuild...restore...renew (61:4)*
- ***Their** descendants will be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples (61:9)*

Fruit of the Servant's Ministry Addressed

Isaiah 60:21-61:11

- *The least of **you** will become a thousand, the smallest a mighty nation (60:22)*
- *Aliens will shepherd **your** flocks (61:5)*
- ***You** will be called priests of the LORD, **you** will be named ministers of our God (61:6)*
- ***You** will feed on the wealth of nations (61:6)*

Fruit of the Servant's Ministry Speaks

Isaiah 60:21-61:11

- *I delight greatly in the LORD; **my** soul rejoices in **my** God. For He has clothed **me** with garments of salvation and arrayed **me** in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom...as a bride (61:10)*
- *For as the soil makes the sprout come up...so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before **all nations** (61:11)*

