

## PUT ON THE GARMENT OF PRAISE

(You will never have what you are prepared to live without)

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### Reading: *Is 61:1-7*

1. Jesus quotes *Is 61:1,2* at His home town of Nazareth in *Lk 4:18,19*, and declares that He is the fulfilment of these verses. He is the **ANOINTED ONE, THE CHRIST OF GOD.**
2. But the **ANOINTING** that is upon Christ is also upon the member of His Body, *Ps 133:1-3*, because the oil that is poured upon the head flows right down to the “skirts of His garments.”
3. So we can change *Is 61:1* to read “The Spirit of the LORD is upon **us**,  
Because the LORD has anointed **us**,  
To preach good news to the poor,  
He has sent **us** to heal the broken-hearted,” etc.
4. In *Is 61:2* it says, “To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.” This is the year of Jubilee, *Lev 25:9-55*, when every slave is released, and everyone returns to His full inheritance and possessions. The “Year of Jubilee” started on the Day of Pentecost, *Ac 2:1-4*, and is here until the Lord returns. “God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,” *Eph 1:3*, and “Our God supplies all our needs according to His riches in glory, by Christ Jesus,” *Phil 4:19*.
5. Now because of the **ANOINTING**, and the **COMMISSION** to preach, heal, deliver the captives, and proclaim the Jubilee, we are to **appoint** unto those who mourn and are sad in Zion (the Gospel Church), **and to give them** as it says in *Is 61:3*:  
**BEAUTY** for ashes,  
**THE OIL OF JOY** for mourning,  
**THE GARMENT OF PRAISE** for the spirit of heaviness.
6. We have been appointed to the beauty of Christ in us, *Col 1:27*, to the oil of joy, and to the garment of praise, but we need to receive and grasp hold of them.
7. If we are prepared to tolerate ashes, mourning and the spirit of heaviness, then that is what we will have.
8. We can never be free of what we tolerate.
9. The reason why we do not have the spirit of joy is because we are prepared to live without it.
10. We have been appointed and given the oil of joy but unless we take it, and lay hold of it, it will not benefit us.
11. The reason why we experience the spirit of heaviness is because we are prepared to live without the garment of praise.

12. When you decide to put on the garment of praise by speaking truth, praise and thanks to the Lord through the words of scripture, you will be released from the spirit of heaviness, and rise up in the encouragement, freedom and power of God. At times this can be quite a struggle. It requires determination and persistence because are in a spiritual battle against an evil spirit called “the spirit of heaviness,” *Is 61:3*.
13. The **full release of the Holy Spirit** is ours, as we speak to ourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making a melody to the Lord from our hearts, *Eph 5:18,19*.
14. The choice is ours. It is up to us. The moment we decide we will not live without the garment of praise, it becomes ours.
15. The Lord gives us **BEAUTY for ashes, THE OIL OF JOY for mourning** and **THE GARMENT OF PRAISE in place of the spirit of heaviness**, so that we become:  
“trees of righteousness” bearing good fruit,  
“the planting of the Lord” to glorify Him,  
and all of *Is 61: 4,5,6,7*, will be fulfilled in us as good fruit to glorify God.
16. *Is 61:7* is the summary of all the good fruit you will bear for God and says, “In your land you shall possess double, with everlasting joy,” or as the Living Bible says, “You will have a double portion of prosperity and everlasting joy.”