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ISAIAH 61:1-11 (TNIV)

¹ The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on Me,
because the LORD has anointed Me

to proclaim good news to the POOR.

He has sent Me

to bind up the BROKENHEARTED,
to proclaim freedom for the CAPTIVES
and release from darkness for the PRISONERS,

² TO PROCLAIM THE YEAR OF THE LORD'S FAVOR
and the day of vengeance of our God,

to comfort all who MOURN,

³ and provide for those who GRIEVE in Zion—
to bestow on them

a crown of BEAUTY
instead of ashes,
the oil of JOY
instead of mourning,
and a garment of PRAISE
instead of a spirit of despair.

**They will be called MIGHTY OAKS,
a planting of the LORD
for the display of his splendor.**

⁴ They will **REBUILD** the ancient ruins
and **RESTORE** the places long devastated;
they will **RENEW** the ruined cities
that have been devastated for generations.

1. Who is the focus on? v. 1

- a. The Sovereign Lord.
- b. The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord.
- c. Me! "The Servant of the Lord." Isaiah 11:1-9 [42:1-9; 49:1-13; 50:4-11; 52:13-53:12]

2. What is the Servant's relationship to the Sovereign Lord?

- a. His Spirit is on me. Numbers 11:29; Isaiah 44:3; Joel 2:28; Matthew 12:18
- b. He has anointed me. 1 Samuel 16; Psalm 45:7/Hebrews 1:9
- c. He has sent me. Isaiah 6:8; John 20:21-22

3. Who has He _____ us to?

- a. The _____ . [ani/anawim]
- b. The _____-hearted.
- c. The _____.
- d. The _____.
- e. Those who _____.
- f. Those who _____ .
 - People covered in _____.
 - People in _____.
 - People burdened with "a spirit of _____."

4. What does He want us to _____ for them?

- a. offer _____ to the poor.
- b. _____ up the brokenhearted.
- c. proclaim _____ for the captives.
- d. _____ from darkness for the prisoners.
- e. proclaim the YEAR of the LORD's _____...
and the DAY of _____ of our God.
- f. _____ all who mourn.
- g. _____ for those who grieve...to _____ on them:
 - a crown of _____ instead of ashes,
 - the oil of _____ instead of mourning,
 - a garment of _____ instead of a spirit of despair.

5. _____ does He want us to do that for them? Transformation!^{3c-4}