

## **ISAIAH 61:1-3**

1 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach 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 gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.

## **LUKE 4:14-21**

14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.

15 He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read.

17 The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed,

19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him,

21 and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

# *Gifts* FOR THE griever

## great grief

### ✓ hurting

ISA.61:3 – "...those who grieve in Zion...mourning..."

### ✓ hopeless

ISA.61:3 – "...a spirit of despair..."

### ✓ haggard

ISA.61:3 – "...ashes..."

## great gifts

### ✓ a cure

ISA.61:3 – "...the oil of gladness instead of mourning..."

### ✓ a crown

ISA.61:3 – "...a crown of beauty instead of ashes..."

### ✓ a cloak

ISA.61:3 – "...a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair..."

## great glory

### ✓ strong and sturdy trees

ISA.61:3 – "...they will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD..."

### ✓ standing trophies

ISA.61:3 – "...for the display of his splendor..."

**APPLICATION: (1) TRUST (2) TRADE**