



ISAIAH 61
THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

God's Comfort



ISAIAH 61:1-4

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 captive and release from darkness for the prisoners, 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 oaks of righteousness, 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

THE JUDGE

1. Legal Comfort
2. Restorative Comfort
3. Presence Comfort



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1. **Knowledge** of Christ
2. **Intimacy** with Christ
3. **Power** of Christ



Comfort

- Common forms:
 - Verb: נָחַם (nâcham) — to comfort, console, soothe; also used elsewhere to mean to regret/repent depending on context.
 - Noun: נְחָמָה (nechamâ / nechamah) — consolation, comfort, solace.

What it do?



3 Important Theological Impacts

What it do?



3 Theological impacts of Comfort

1. Legal-The Perspective: God's comfort is not additive; it is substitutive. He doesn't just give you comfort on top of your pain; He takes the pain/problem away and replaces it with its necessary solve. (Imputation)

****Think The Great Exchange****

Legal-Comfort

"The spirit of mourning is a spirit of bondage, but the spirit of joy is a spirit of adoption... Christ's errands are all errands of love. He was sent to bind up the broken-hearted, to speak peace to those who are overwhelmed with grief. He does not only offer comfort, but he applies it." — Matthew Henry

Commentary

3 Theological impacts of Comfort

- Restorative-Brings about an inner transformation of not only behavior change, but identity alignment and the completion of “heart work”, which impacts everything including feelings and emotions.**

3 Theological impacts of Comfort

- Relational - His presence and the very Kingdom of God is present. It is God himself literally carrying the burden for the believer.**

Relational Comfort

"The comfort Jesus offers—the comfort of Isaiah 61—is the 'available' presence of the Kingdom. To 'comfort those who mourn' means to show them that their sorrow does not exclude them from God's care. It is the announcement that the resources of heaven are now standing at the side of the person who has nothing left." — The Divine Conspiracy Dallas Willard

Example

John 11





3 DAY PRAYER

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