

ISAIAH 61

# THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

Are You Poor?



# HOW DO YOU DEFINE POOR?

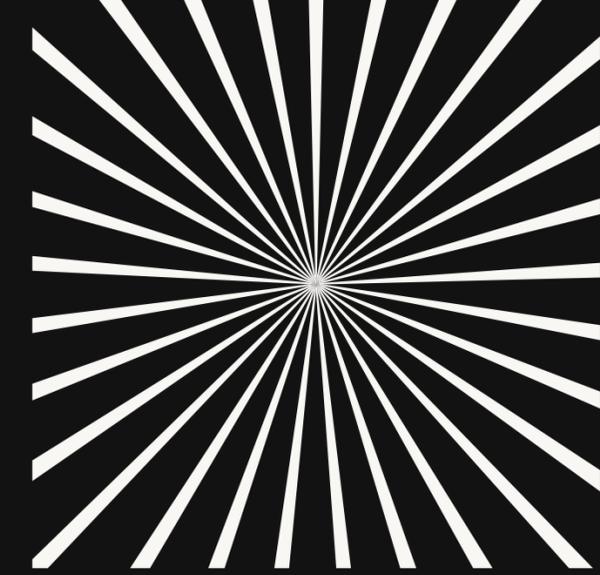
Isaiah 61:1a

“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the **poor**.”

**2 Minute Meditation**



# DEFINITION OF POOR (GREEK)



πτωχοῖς (ptōchois) — dative plural of πτωχός (ptōchos)

Meaning of πτωχός

Its semantic range includes:

- One who is economically destitute
- One who is socially marginalized
- One who is powerless or dependent
- One who is humbled and in need, often with spiritual overtones



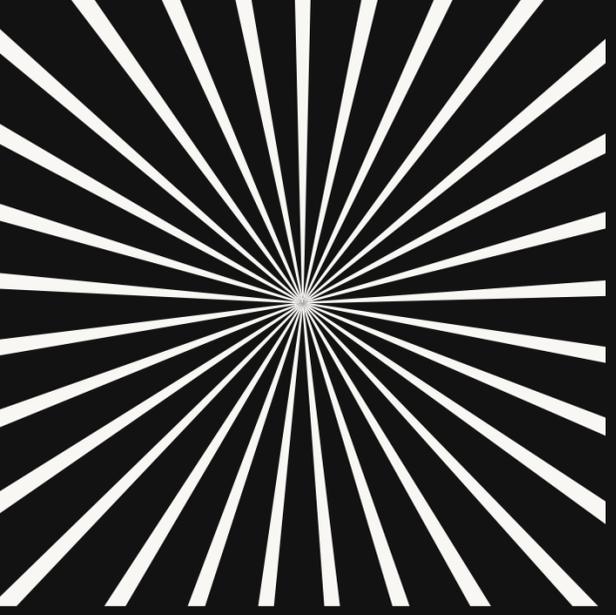


# PRAISE PAUSE

## The Wisdom of God

*Isaiah 61 is the perfect  
powerful answer to this  
monumental word: poor.*





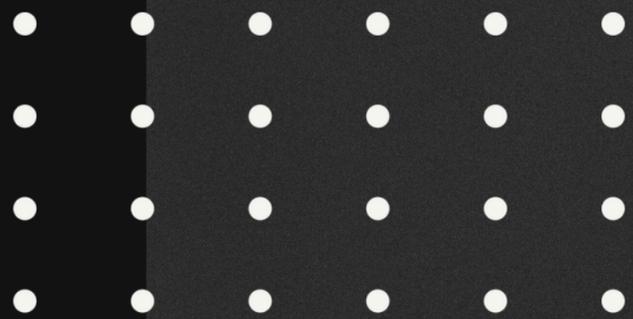
# DEFINITION OF POOR

**POOR**, adjective [Latin pauper]

1. Wholly destitute of property, or not having property sufficient for a comfortable subsistence; needy. It is often synonymous with indigent, and with necessitous, denoting extreme want;
2. Destitute of strength, beauty or dignity; barren; mean; jejune; as a poor composition; a poor essay; a poor discourse.



# WORKING DEFINITION



Poor (n.)

A life characterized by complete dependence on God.





# HOW I 'SEE' IT



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**WHERE  
YOU ARE**

A sober, Biblical evaluation of your life, nuanced and compartmentalized

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**LIVE IN THE GAP**

The practical, hard-to-reach lifestyle of spiritual poverty

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**WHERE  
YOU ARE  
GOING**

Isaiah 61-esque vision for your life, which is an expression of God's glory and the telling of a powerful story by the author of life



# CAN YOU BE POOR AND POWERFUL?

2 MINUTE MEDITATION





# THE POOR ARE POWERFUL

Jesus

- Jesus admits weakness, fear, and sorrow
- He does not pretend strength he does not possess
- He admits his reluctance to do the very thing he came for

Matthew 26:36-45





# THE POOR ARE POWERFUL

Moses

- Praise = victory
- Hands down: Amalekites winning
- Hands up: Israelites winning

Exodus 17:11-13





# THE POOR ARE POWERFUL

Elijah

## **In Prayer:**

“I have had enough, Lord,”  
he said. “Take my life, I am  
no better than my  
ancestors.”

1 Kings 19:1-14





# THE POOR ARE POWERFUL

## Martin Luther King Jr.

He was a.....

- Noble laureate
- Global leader
- Gifted preacher and strategist

Yet... he relied on praise under pressure.

Praise Song





Take My Hand, Precious Lord (lyrics) - Mahalia Jackson



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**But through the storm**

Watch on  YouTube



# THE POOR ARE POWERFUL

Billy Graham

"The Christian life is not lived on the playground, but on the battlefield. Prayer is the key to victory."



# CHARACTERISTICS OF SPIRITUALLY POOR PEOPLE

- Teachability
- Reverence for God's word
- Repentant posture rather than defensiveness
- Contrite in spirit
- Acknowledged dependence on God (Language)
- **Prayerful lifestyle**



Psalm 34:6

"This poor man cried and the Lord heard him."



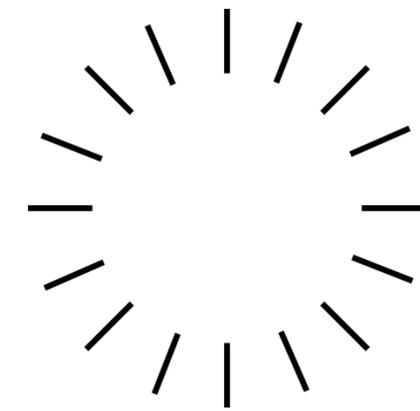


# HOW?

Next week: Attachment Styles & Isaiah 61:4



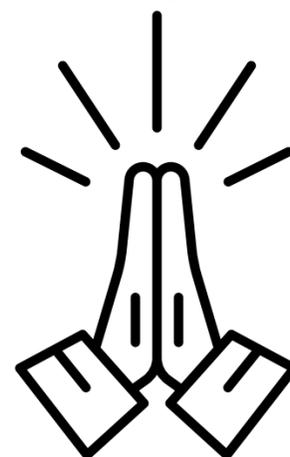
# JESUS THROUGH THE 3 MEANS OF GRACE



Word of God



Prayer



Community





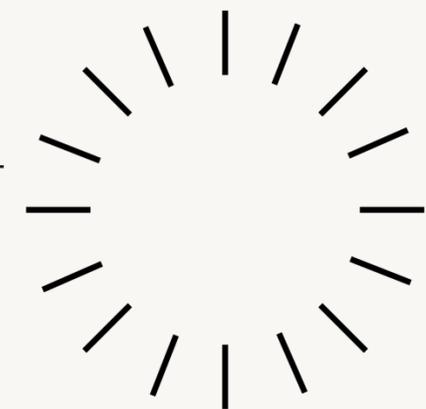
# ATTACHMENT STYLES OVERVIEW

Attachment Style	View of Self	View of Others	View of God	Relational Traits	Caregiver Patterns	Degree of Stability
Secure	Positive	Positive	God is loving, present, and consistent	Trusting, balanced closeness & independence	Consistent, emotionally attuned, responsive, reliable	High stability
Anxious (Preoccupied)	Negative	Positive	God is loving, yet I'm afraid of disappointing God and His presence feels uncertain.	Clingy, seeks constant reassurance	Inconsistent, unpredictable, or emotionally variable	Moderate instability
Avoidant (Dismissive)	Positive	Negative	God is distant or impersonal and faith is more about knowledge than relational intimacy with God	Distant, avoids closeness, self-reliant	Emotionally distant, dismissive, or overly focused on independence	Moderate instability
Disorganized (Fearful)	Negative	Negative	I question if God values me. I crave a relationship with Him but when things get hard I shut him out.	Fearful, conflicted, push-pull in relationships	Frightening, chaotic, abusive, or deeply inconsistent	High instability

PRAYER IS  
A MUST

# 3 DAY PRAYER RETREAT

Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup> –  
Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup>



Ponderosa Retreat &  
Conference Center



# EVANGELISM

Isaiah 61 is to be shared!  
Invite someone to church!



LET US  
PRAY

