



WHEN GOD REACHES OUT

A STUDY OF ISAIAH 61



Love God.
Love each other.
Love the world that Jesus,
through his people,
is working to restore.

OUR MISSION

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 the opening of the prison to those who are bound,
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
and to 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.

They will rebuild the ancient ruins
and restore the places long devastated;
they will renew the ruined cities
that have been devastated for generations.
Strangers will shepherd your flocks;
foreigners will work your fields and vineyards.
And you will be called priests of the LORD,
you will be named ministers of our God.
You will feed on the wealth of nations,
and in their riches you will boast.

Instead of your shame

you will receive a double portion,

and instead of disgrace

you will rejoice in your inheritance.

And so you will inherit a double portion in your land,

and everlasting joy will be yours.

“For I, the LORD, love justice;
I hate robbery and wrongdoing.
In my faithfulness I will reward my people
and make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their descendants will be known among the nations
and their offspring among the peoples.
All who see them will acknowledge
that they are a people the LORD has blessed.”

I delight greatly in the LORD;
my soul rejoices in my God.

For he has clothed me with garments of salvation
and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness,
as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the soil makes the sprout come up
and a garden causes seeds to grow,
so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness
and praise spring up before all nations.

Joy Infused!





***“Joy is the gigantic
secret of the Christian”***

GK Chesterton



***“the gospel of the glory
of the blessed God”***

1 Timothy 1:11



***“Mission begins with
an explosion of joy”***

Lesslie Newbigin

Receive his presence



The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me ...
the LORD has anointed me ...
he has ***sent me*** ...

Isaiah 61:3

Receive his presence



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instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.

Isaiah 61:3

Receive his presence



Instead of your shame
you will receive a double portion,
and instead of disgrace
you will rejoice in your inheritance.

Isaiah 61:7

Receive his presence



BC:

ashes mourning despair shame disgrace

Receive his presence



AD:

**beauty joy praise double
portion inheritance**

Receive his presence



You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Psalm 16:11

Receive his presence



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my soul rejoices in my God.

For he has clothed me with garments of salvation
and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness,
as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Isaiah 61:10

Receive his presence



Enjoy his pleasure



The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.

Zephaniah 3:17

Enjoy his pleasure



“To please God, to be a real ingredient in the divine happiness; to be loved by God, not merely pitied, but delighted in as an artist delights in his work or a father in a son—it seems impossible, a weight of glory which our thoughts can hardly sustain. But so it is.”

CS Lewis

Enjoy his pleasure



Without faith it is impossible to please God.

Hebrews 11:6

Enjoy his pleasure



Confess your sins to one another that you may
be healed.

James 5:16

Enjoy his pleasure



Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

STEP 5

Enjoy his pleasure





Enjoy his pleasure





Enjoy his pleasure





“I have never loved you more
than I love you right now.”



Enjoy his pleasure





“I have never loved you more
than I love you right now.”



Hold onto his promises



Pain

Suffering

Hold onto his promises



Pain

discomfort experienced
through my
physical senses

Suffering

Hold onto his promises



Pain

discomfort experienced
through my
physical senses

Suffering

agony compounded when I feel
there is no end, no meaning,
and no one to help

Hold onto his promises



Pain

discomfort experienced
through my
physical senses

Suffering

TIME
MEANING
PRESENCE

Hold onto his promises



“I am your good shepherd. I knit you together in your mother’s womb. You are fearfully and wonderfully made. I am your light and your salvation. When you walk through the valley of the shadow of death, you have nothing to fear for I am with you.



“There is now no condemnation, and nothing can separate you from my love: not scandal, not failure, not losing your job, not having people write bad things, not disappointment, not horrific family pain, not death itself.



“Greater love has no one than this:
to give their life for a friend, and I gave
my life for you. I no longer call you
servant but friend. This day, I bless you
and keep you. My face is turned toward
you and shining with love. *Go get ‘em.*”



Joy Infused!

