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A Song of Joy!

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Devotion and Discussion Questions

Key Texts (TLV): Isa 61:10-11; Is. 59:16-17; Is. 49:18, 20-21; Is. 54:4-5; Is. 40:6-8; Is. 4:2; Rev. 19:5-9; Rev. 22:16-17

Isaiah 61 ends with a song. After all that the Anointed One has proclaimed—good news to the afflicted, healing for the brokenhearted, liberty for the captives, beauty instead of ashes, joy instead of mourning, praise instead of heaviness—the passage now erupts into rejoicing. The ones who were once like oaks with withering leaves have now become oaks of righteousness, the planting of Adonai, so that He may be glorified.

But as verse 10 opens, it is not immediately clear who is singing. Is this the Anointed One rejoicing in the work of Adonai? Is it Zion, the redeemed people of God, rejoicing in what the Anointed One has done? The beauty of the passage is that it seems to hold both together. The Bridegroom and the bride are singing in unity, rejoicing in salvation, righteousness, covenant, and the certainty that what Adonai has planted will spring up before all the nations.

1. REJOICING BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN CLOTHED

"I will rejoice greatly in ADONAI. My soul will be joyful in my God. For He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me in a robe of righteousness—like a bridegroom wearing a priestly turban, like a bride adorning herself with her jewels." (Is. 61:10). The joy of Isaiah 61:10 is the joy of someone who has been completely re-clothed by Adonai. The afflicted, the brokenhearted, the captive, and the mourning are no longer defined by ashes, sackcloth, heaviness, or shame. Adonai has taken away the garments of mourning and clothed His people with salvation. He has wrapped them in righteousness. They are no longer covered by what captivity did to them; they are covered by what **He** has done for them.

This language also points us back to Is 59, where Adonai saw that there was no one to intervene, so His own arm brought salvation. *"He put on righteousness as a breastplate and a helmet of salvation on His head"* (Is. 59:17). The One who clothed Himself in righteousness and salvation now clothes His people in righteousness and salvation. The Bridegroom has done what the bride could not do for herself, and now the redeemed can sing, "I will rejoice greatly in Adonai."

2. REJOICING AS THE BRIDE AND BRIDEGROOM SING TOGETHER

The imagery of Isaiah 61:10 is wedding imagery. There is a bridegroom clothed in priestly beauty, and there is a bride adorning herself with jewels. This fits beautifully with the earlier promise that God's people would be called *"the kohanim of*

ADONAI” and “*the ministers of our God*” (Is. 61:6). The redeemed are not merely rescued from shame; they are restored to calling, priestly purpose, beauty, and covenant joy.

This also echoes Isaiah 49 and 54, where Zion is pictured as a once-bereaved woman now adorned with children like jewelry, and as a renewed bride whose Maker is her husband. “*For your Maker is your husband—ADONAI-Tzva’ot is His Name—the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer*” (Is. 54:5). So who rejoices at the wedding? The Bridegroom and the bride. The Anointed One rejoices in accomplishing the will of the Father, and the redeemed rejoice in being clothed, restored, and brought into covenant joy.

3. REJOICING BECAUSE RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL SPRING UP

“For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes things sown to spring up, so ADONAI Elohim will cause justice and praise to spring up before all the nations.” (Is. 61:11). The joy of verse 10 has a second explanation in verse 11: what Adonai has done will be fruitful. The earth brings forth sprouts. A garden causes what has been sown to spring up. In the same way, Adonai Elohim will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. This is not merely human effort producing temporary results. This is the cultivating care of the God who keeps His promises.

Isaiah 40 reminds us that all flesh is grass. Human strength, human faithfulness, and human glory wither and fade. “*The grass withers, the flower fades. But the word of our God stands forever*” (Is. 40:8). But here in Isaiah 61, what springs up is not the fading glory of man—it is righteousness and praise planted by Adonai Himself. If nature is reliable, how much more reliable is the Creator of nature? What He plants in the seedbed of His people will spring up like flowers in a garden.

CONCLUSION

Isaiah 61:10–11 gives us a song of joy rooted in the finished and fruitful work of Adonai. This is the same joy we hear at the wedding of the Lamb in Revelation 19: “*Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made herself ready*” (Rev. 19:7). And it is the same invitation we hear at the end of Revelation: “*The Ruach and the bride say, ‘Come!’*” (Rev. 22:17). The song of joy is not only something we study; it is something we are invited to sing.

Today, the question is simple: what are you wearing? Are you still trying to live under the old garments of shame, mourning, heaviness, fear, or self-reliance? Or will you receive what Adonai has provided through Yeshua—the garments of salvation and the robe of righteousness? Let Him remove what has defined you for too long. Let Him clothe you in what only He can give. And let your life become a garden where righteousness and praise spring up before others, so that they may see His beauty and hear the invitation.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Why is the image of being “clothed with garments of salvation” so powerful in light of the mourning, shame, and captivity described earlier in Isaiah 61?
2. How does seeing both the Bridegroom and the bride rejoicing together deepen the meaning of Isaiah 61:10?
3. In what ways are you tempted to keep wearing old “garments” of shame, heaviness, fear, or self-protection instead of receiving what Adonai has clothed you with?
4. Isaiah 61:11 says righteousness and praise will spring up like growth from the earth. Where do you need to trust that God is cultivating something fruitful, even if you cannot see the full growth yet?
5. How should our lives as the redeemed people of God display righteousness and praise “before all the nations” in practical, visible ways?

CLOSING PRAYER:

God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, thank You for clothing us with garments of salvation and wrapping us in a robe of righteousness. Thank You that we are no longer defined by ashes, mourning, shame, or captivity, but by the work You have done through Yeshua. Cause righteousness and praise to spring up in us. Make our lives fruitful like a garden You have planted and cultivated. Teach us to rejoice greatly in You, to walk in the beauty of Your salvation, and to join the song of the Bridegroom and the bride.

B'Shem Yeshua, In the name of Yeshua, amen.