

Isaiah 61**12-21-05****“Double Advent!”****1. Intro:**

- 1.1. **Announce:** Christmas Service times.
- 1.2. **Announce:** next Book (Rev.)
- 1.3. **Intro story:** Why this passage is special to me! 😊
 - 1.3.1. Pastor Garry Ansdel gave to me after my 1st memorial in 1989.

2. HIS 1ST COMING! (1,2a)

- 2.1. **HIS ANNOINTING & APPOINTING!** (1,2a)
- 2.2. **Note:** Trinity in vs.1.
- 2.3. **Turn to Lk.4:16-21.** (thus claiming to be Messiah – Also tried to kill 4:29)
 - 2.3.1. **Note of course where he broke the verse** (2 advents).
 - 2.3.2. Here is God’s manifesto for Him.
 - 2.3.3. The prophets viewed the 2 comings of Christ like 2 mountain peaks; **from a distance** they appear to be the same peak, but on **coming closer** it became apparent there was a large valley between them.¹
 - 2.3.3.1. Now we know this valley is a span of at least 2000 years.
- 2.4. Speaking of **spiritual** things here, though his ministry definitely included this **physical ministry** also. (“**Tell John...**” Lk.7:22)
 - 2.4.1. Yes, God has & can breakdown prison doors, but normally this liberation speaks of **freedom from a greater slavery!!!**
- 2.5. We are living in the “**year of acceptance**”, the day of grace!
 - 2.5.1. Possibly pointing to the **year of Jubilee** – (Lev.25:8-13)
 - 2.5.2. Thus, it’s a time of **releasing slaves, canceling all debts, & making a new beginning.** (sounds lie being Born Again)
 - 2.5.2.1. **Trust Christ, & begin your Jubilee now!**
 - 2.5.2.2. **Reject Him, & face judgment!**
 - 2.5.3. **Q: Have you entered your Jubilee?**
 - 2.5.3.1. It’s all about freedom/liberty!
 - 2.5.3.2. **Freedom from a greater slavery!!!**

¹ Shepherd’s Notes; pg.93

3. HIS 2ND COMING! (2b-11)

- 3.1. **TO HONOR THOSE THAT ARE HIS!** (2b-3)
- 3.2. (2b) **The day of vengeance of our God** – This will be the **Tribulation**.
- 3.2.1. When He will judge the rebellious nations of the world.
- 3.2.2. Rev.19:15 “Now out of His mouth goes a **sharp sword**, that with it He should **strike the nations**. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of **iron**. He Himself **treads the winepress** of the **fierceness** and **wrath** of Almighty God.”
- 3.2.3. We’ll discuss this in ch.63.
- 3.3. **So, He preaches** good news to the poor(in spirit).
- 3.4. He **heals/binds up/comforts** the brokenhearted.
- 3.5. He **releases** captives & **frees** prisoners.
- 3.6. He transforms **ashes** into **beauty**, **sorrow** into **joy**, & **despair** into **praise**
- 3.6.1. Oh, that we would care for the outcasts like Jesus!
- 3.6.1.1. **How do we?** Be anointed as Jesus was w/the Holy Spirit.
- 3.7. (3) **Beauty for ashes** – or, a *priests* turban, or garland, or headdress.
- 3.7.1. Oh, the ashes of this sin cursed earth!
- 3.7.2. **Ashes** a symbol of sorrow, grief, bereavement, failure, despair.
- 3.7.3. **Garland** a lovely fragrant symbol of joy, gladness, blessing, success, reward.
- 3.7.4. Jesus has come to replace **earthly** sin & sorrow with **heavenly**-bestowed garlands of salvation & consolation & blessing.
- 3.8. **He came to give...**
- 3.8.1. The garland of **hope** for the ashes of **fear**;
 The garland of **love** for the ashes of **hate**;
 The garland of **new promise** for the ashes of **regret**;
 The garland of **divine friendship** for the ashes of **human loneliness**
 The garland of **joy in God** for the ashes of **sorrow in sin**;
 The garland of **inward healing** for the ashes of **soul sickness**;
 The garland of **moral victory** for the ashes of **defeat**;
 The garland of **spiritual liberty** for the ashes of **bondage**;
 The garland of **heart’s ease** for the ashes of **unrest**;
 The garland of **godly contentment** for the ashes of **worldly envy**;
 The garland of **a worthwhile life** for the ashes of **godless pleasure**
 The garland of **victory & holiness** for the ashes of **defeat**;²
- 3.8.2. At funerals we hear, “**dust to dust, ashes to ashes**” but how about “**resurrection to resurrection, immortality to immortality?**”
- 3.8.3. We don’t mind wearing our favorite baseball hat/cap & displaying our favorite team/school/sport/or cool clothing name!
- 3.8.3.1. **Q: What garland are you presently displaying?**

² Awake My Heart; Baxter; pg.313

- 3.9. **Oil of Joy/gladness** –
- 3.9.1. Mt.25:21 “Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the **joy** of your lord.”
- 3.10. **The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.**
- 3.10.1. **Q:** Tonight, which garment do you need to **send** to the Thrift Store, & **replace** with **His garment of praise**?
- 3.10.2. **Do you need to...**
- 3.10.3. **Trade in** your **works** for His **Grace**?
- 3.10.4. **Swap** your **Churchianity** for **Christianity**?
- 3.10.5. **Exchange** your, “I deserve better than this” for, “I’ll take His mercy”?
- 3.10.6. **Surrender** your **religion** for just **Jesus**?
- 3.10.7. **Yield** your **funeral wreath** for a **bride’s veil**?
- 3.10.8. **Relinquish** your **Gloom** for **radiant Joy**?
- 3.10.9. **Give up** your **spirit of heaviness** & **accept** His **garment of praise**?
- 3.10.10. After our mournful ashes of deadness toward God/Winter;
Jesus brings the garland of new spiritual life/Spring;
Which, brings about a full life of spiritual Summer;
Culminating in the golden yet-to-be endless glory-harvest of heaven!³
- 3.11. **Q:** Anyone **poor**, in spirit? (opposite of proud in spirit!)
- 3.12. **Q:** Anyone **brokenhearted** over their sin?
- 3.13. **Q:** Anyone need **liberty** from phobias, insecurities, worry, anxiety, jealousy, envy, temper, wrong desire, passion.
- 3.14. **Q:** Anyone need **released** from a prison of despair, depression, despondency? **Released** from a prison of conscience?
- 3.15. **REBUILDING!** (4-9)
- 3.16. (4) They’ll be able to rebuild the destroyed cities.
- 3.17. (5) Foreigners will be subject to Israel.
- 3.18. (6) They’ll enjoy the wealth of other nations.
- 3.19. (7) All **shame** replaced with **honor**.
- 3.19.1. **Double portion** – from the eldest son’s inheritance. (Deut.21:17)
- 3.19.2. This is for Israel, but appropriate the promise to yourself as Abraham’s children/spiritual Israel! (**read again!**)

³ Ibid; pg.315

- 3.20. **ISRAEL BURSTS FORTH IN PRAISE!** (10,11)
- 3.21. **2 pictures:**
- 3.22. **Wedding Garments** – (i.e. from funerals to weddings!)
- 3.22.1. In verse 3 the mourners dried their mourner’s tears, & put on festive garments instead of mourning clothes.
- 3.23. **Springtime** –
- 3.24. **Note the combination of *imputed* & *imparted* righteousness!**
- 3.24.1. **Imputed rt.** – This one is put on like a garment!
- 3.24.1.1. (vs.10) **He has covered me with the robe of rt.**
- 3.24.2. **Imparted rt.** – This one blossoms out from within!
- 3.24.2.1. (vs.11) **the Lord God will cause rt & praise to spring forth.**
- 3.24.3. ***“Oh that in our lives God would cause righteousness & praise to spring forth!”⁴***

⁴ F.B.Meyer