

Wednesday, June 26, 2024 ▫ Read Isaiah 61:10–62:7

Questions from the Scripture text: In Whom does the Servant greatly rejoice (v10a–b)? What has God done for Him (v10c–d)? With what beauty and festivity (v10e–f)? What two things are the beauty of the Servant (v11c)? To what extent does it flourish, before whom (v11)? What will the Servant not do (62:1)? For whose sake? Until when? What will the nations and kings see about Zion (v2)? What new thing will she have at that time? Where/what is her greatest beauty (v3)? What names will they lose, and which will they gain (v4)? How/why? Who will be committed to her like young husbands (v5a–b)? In what way will God Himself rejoice over her (v5c–d)? How will the Lord protect them (v6a–b)? What do these “watchmen” do (v6c–7)?

How is Zion’s desolation turned to delight? Isaiah 61:10–62:7 prepares us for the first serial reading in public worship on the Lord’s Day. In these nine verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that **the Christ rejoices in the Lord, Who clothes Him with righteousness and joy for Christ’s Zion.**

There is wonderful marriage language in this passage (v10, v4–5). The Servant’s joy in the Lord becomes His people’s joy in the Lord. His beauty (v10) is displayed as He produces righteousness and praise in all the nations (v11), a righteousness that blazes in the Servant’s Zion (v1). She is made to be so beautiful with Christ’s righteousness that she is called a crown of glory in YHWH’s hand (v2). v6–7 describe a determined, unresting intercession for the beauty of Zion is not just of plural watchmen (v6–7) but of Christ Himself as the great Watchman (v1), Who intercedes for His people. Christ’s joy, Christ’s righteousness, and Christ’s beauty come to Christ’s people through Christ’s almighty and persistent intercession!

How can your sin and alienation from God be remedied? What do you have from Christ instead? How?

Sample prayer: Lord, forgive our discouragement and despair, and give us to hope in our glad, glorious Christ, in His Name, AMEN!

Suggested songs: ARP72C “May Waving Grain on Hilltops Thrive” or TPH403 “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

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Isaiah, 61 verse 10, to 62 verse 7. These are God's words. I will greatly Rejoice in Yahweh, my soul shall be joyful. In my God for he has clothed me with the garments of Salvation.

He has covered me with the robe of righteousness. As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments and as a bride, adorns herself with her Jewels. For the Earth brings forth its bud and as the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth. So the Lord Yahweh will cause righteousness and praise.

To spring forth before all the nations. For Zion's sake, I will not hold my peace and for Jerusalem's sake, I will not rest. Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness. And her salvation as a lamp, that burns. The Gentiles shall see your righteousness and all Kings your glory and you shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of Yahweh will name.

You shall also be a crown of Glory in the hand of Yahweh. And a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no longer be termed, forsaken. Nor shall your land any more be termed desolate. But you shall be called hefseva. And your land Beulah. For y'all, a Delights in you and your land shall be married.

Whereas a young man, marries a virgin. So shall your sons marry you? And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, So shall your God? Rejoice over you. I have set Watchmen on your walls of Jerusalem. They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of Yahweh do not keep silent.

And give him no rest till he establishes. Until he makes Jerusalem. A p. In the

And then so far the reading of God's inspired and And Aaron toward, This, I in verse 10, I will greatly rejoice in Yahweh and so forth is the same eye as or the same individual who's speaking? At the beginning of chapter 61, the spirit of the Lord Yahweh is upon me because Yahweh has anointed me.

So he is the anointed the Christ. The Lord Jesus who reading and proclaiming this. chapter in. The synagogue. In Nazareth declared that it was fulfilled in that congregation's Hearing in his proclaiming to them. And so, the Lord Jesus is Of course the most joyous, man. Because he rejoices, in Yahweh.

First 10, I will greatly Rejoice. My soul shall be joyful. In my God. And his joy in the Lord is then therefore a joy over the church or rejoicing in the Lord. Ought to be rejoicing. Over the church, not over the church's current condition. But a rejoicing that Committed to and sure of what the church shall be like when Christ is done with her and that's what he's rejoicing in here.

it's wonderful. He says he has clothed me with the garments of Salvation. He has covered me with the Robes of righteousness and he is describing here. The same thing as back in chapter 59, He put on righteousness as a breastplate and helmet of salvation on his head.

He put on the garments of Vengeance for clothing. Was clad with Zeal? As a cloak. back then in chapter 59, it was Yahweh who saw that, there was no one to save. No intercessor. And his own arm brought salvation. but now we see that the Christ is The one who is you always own arm?

And, Um one might puzzle for a moment if this was all they had, although I think the logic is inescapable even here in Isaiah that the Lord himself is going to be the Christ. The Lord who clothed himself with the garments of Salvation. And righteousness back in chapter 59 here, the end of chapter 61 The anointed the Christ is the one who is clothed by the Lord.

with garments of Salvation. so when we put on Christ by faith, when we are saved by Union with him, Ephesians 6 is going to make Application of that saying that. if we stand by grace, if we stand by faith, Then we must put on the Lord's own armor.

By faith, we put Christ on So he has clothed himself with these garments of Salvation. As one who. putting on the correct attire for what he is about to do. And here he's

not going to war. He's going to a wedding. the rest of verse 10 as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments and as a bride adorns with herself with her jewels because this is a Salvation and a righteousness.

That are going to completely. remake. the entire world verse 11. As the Earth brings forth its bud and the garden cross causes. The things that are sewn in it to spring forth, Lord Yahweh. Will cause righteousness and praise. To spring forth before all the nations. And so, the Lord Jesus is the one who Begins rejoicing over Yahweh and for Yahweh's sake, rejoicing over the church and then these nations from which righteousness brings forth.

Whom will righteousness? Make us to be like, Well, it will make us to be like the Lord himself. And so, we will Rejoice over him and not only over him. But over his church. And this is what Jesus intercedes for. When he says, for Zion's sake, I will not hold my peace for Jerusalem's sake.

I will not rest. Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness. And then the Nations in verse 2, see the righteousness, the Kings, all the kings, See, Zion's glory. And she is called by a new name. Which the mouth of Yahweh name. Verse 2. And that's, So, the Rejoicing over Zion.

That Jesus, with which Jesus rejoices over her. becomes more and more. the rejoicing of the Nations. With which they Rejoice over her. This is why when the Lord saves us, one of the things he does Does make us to love his church. And to love for her to be made righteous and to love for her to be made beautiful, with the beauty of the character of Christ.

Indeed. So great is her beauty that verse 3 says something that almost sounds blasphemous You, this is still talking to Zion. or this is turning now to talk to Zion. well, I guess he turns to talk to her in verse 2. you shall also be a crown of Glory.

They say, wow. The church is someone's Glory, whose Glory? Is she going to be? In the hand of Yahweh. And so the word picture here is of Yahweh as a king and the crown, the great display of his royalty of his kingliness is going to be. Zion is going to be his church.

He prepares her for himself. He makes her righteous And here, he's preparing for his coronation, with the church as a crown, or a diadem, which is another name for a crown. In the hand. Of God. so the The Lord, highly exalts his church, and he deeply loves his church verse 4.

You shall no longer be termed, forsaken, nor shall Your land anymore. Be termed desolate. but you shall be called Hephzibah and your land Beulah. My delight is in her and married. For the Lord for y'all, they Delights. And your land shall be married. applies in two ways.

One is the one that we are. Most accustomed to hearing about and thinking about as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride. So shall your God Rejoice over. You God himself is the bridegroom and the church is his bride. We thought about this. Um just a week and a little bit more than that or so ago.

When the Lord Jesus they were asking John's disciples were asking why his disciples didn't fast, he said, well because they're the bride and the bridegroom. So, the The bridegroom's friends. And the bride of Christ, the church rejoices Over. over him. Of course, he wasn't claiming then just to be the Christ.

He's claiming to be God himself. But the first half of verse 5 for as a young man marries a virgin. So shall your sons marry you? Here is an indication of the character of Christ being worked out in someone. Someone. Arrogantly. And with a sensorious or critical Spirit looks down upon the church and despises.

his need for the church and Duty to devote himself to the church is good, they are not participating in the mind of Christ. They are not so spiritual as they think they are. They display themselves by their haughtiness. And by their They're despising. Of Christ's Church not to partake of the mind, and heart, and spirit of Christ, but of the mind and heart and spirit of the devil.

who hates the woman and hates her children? Those who are the true sons of the church who are being given the character and mind of Christ. What do they think? While they as it were marry themselves. Um to the church not in a way that competes with Christ, don't stretch.

The metaphor to a. That corrupts its message, but because of Jesus's devotion and commitment and binding himself to her and covenanting himself with, with the church. So also all Are saved by Jesus and are given the righteousness and mindset of Jesus. They bind themselves to the church. They love her.

They devote themselves. To her and to take Delight in. Not as she is in herself. But as the Lord Jesus is making her to be, until she has a crown in his hands. And so yeah, here is another one of the many places in which scripture. Is.

That gives us a foundation for a covenanted church membership where you take vows to God as a member of the church and take Oaths to the church as a young man, marries a virgin. So shall your sons Marry you? every church member Every believer. That should, as it were be married or at least.

In order not to. Confuse should be covenanted and devoted. To the church. well, in order to carry this out in the earth, not only does the Lord Jesus intercede in verse 1. You remember, he said for Zion's sake, I will not hold my peace. But he then promises that in, in his work of making his church, righteous in his work of giving.

The church's Sons as it were Zion's sons. To love her and devote themselves to her and to be righteous members of her Godly members of her. One of the things that the Lord is going to do is give her Watchmen. Who. Conduct themselves in the ministry, according to the mind and character of Christ.

Or to use another metaphor from the Bible, he's going to give her Shepherds or under Shepherds. Who. Whose heart and mind towards the. like the heart and mind of the chief Shepherd. When he says, I have set Watchmen on your walls o Jerusalem and then he uses the same.

Language of these Watchmen that he's going to set over her. That he had used of himself, so he says, they shall never. Hold their peace day or night. Just like he had said earlier, I will not hold my peace. So he says you who make mention of Yahweh, do not keep silent Okay, so On the one hand, they are.

Remembering the Lord to his people. And so they are to preach like Paul tells to Timothy In season and out of season. And then, they're also to pray and give him no rest till he establishes till he makes Jerusalem. A praise in the earth. So even though these Watchmen are preaching And causing the Lord to be remembered to his people in their preaching.

Yet, it's not the preachers, it's not the pastors. Who are producing this Godly church and these Godly sons of the church, as it were, the Godly children of the church. It is the Lord who produces it. That's why the ministry of the word must be always tied to the ministry of prayer.

Just as the Apostle said, they would devote themselves to prayer and to the ministry, Weren't they're understanding themselves to be as it were these Watchmen from Isaiah 62. Who must Not be silent that they must avert themselves to preaching. And also, they must be devoted to prayer. Give him give, Yahweh, no rest till he establishes till he makes Jerusalem.

A praise in the And so, as the Lord uses. pastors who are like this. He produces Sons, who are like himself. We should always be. Remembering the Lord and remembering his church. And we should always be praying to the Lord for the building up and perfecting Of his church for.

She is the crown that he has chosen to take for himself by which he displays His. Royal Glory. And, Sweetly wondrously. In doing this, in our hearts and in our lives, the Lord conforms To the character. Of the Lord Jesus himself. God became a man. Who loves his church.

And so he saves men also. And makes them to love his church. Like he does. Until she is perfected. Let's pray. Lord help us to love your church. We ask Help us to devote ourselves. to her being made righteous and glorious like Christ. Give us to be faithful in our church membership.

Keep the Oaths that we have taken to your church and the vows that we have made to you. help her, we pray. Give her pastors who are these Watchmen who are like unto Christ, who will be devoted and committed? In the preaching of your word.

Not giving you rest as it were by prayer. Make us also to be full of prayer. And of love to you delighten, you And of love to your church and to lighten her. If we ask all these things in Christ's name, Amen.