

WORSHIP NOTES

RIGHT TIME, RIGHT SKILLS, RIGHT PLACE

Isaiah 61:1-4 & 8-11

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me, for the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed. He has sent me to tell those who mourn that the time of the Lord's favor has come, and with it, the day of God's anger against their enemies. To all who mourn in Israel, he will give a crown of beauty for ashes, a joyous blessing instead of mourning, festive praise instead of despair. In their righteousness, they will be like great oaks that the Lord has planted for his own glory. They will rebuild the ancient ruins, repairing cities destroyed long ago. They will revive them, though they have been deserted for many generations. "For I, the Lord, love justice. I hate robbery and wrongdoing. I will faithfully reward my people for their suffering and make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants will be recognized and honored among the nations. Everyone will realize that they are a people the Lord has blessed." I am overwhelmed with joy in the Lord my God! For he has dressed me with the clothing of salvation and draped me in a robe of righteousness. I am like a bridegroom dressed for his wedding or a bride with her jewels. The Sovereign Lord will show his justice to the nations of the world. Everyone will praise him! His righteousness will be like a garden in early spring, with plants springing up everywhere.

Luke 4:16-21

When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures. The scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where this was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord's favor has come." He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant, and sat down. All eyes in the synagogue looked at him intently. Then he began to speak to them. "The Scripture you've just heard has been fulfilled this very day!"

- I. **THIS IS THE RIGHT TIME TO RECEIVE GOD'S FAVOR**
 - a) **Isaiah 61:1-2 compared to Luke 4:16-19**
 - b) **Who has received the Favor of God?**
 - c) **Golden Time - RIGHT TIME not just for one person but for everyone. 2Corinthians 6:1-2**
 - d) **For all - a crown of beauty/glory. Isaiah 61:3 & 1 Peter 5:4**
- II. **DO WE HAVE THE RIGHT SKILLS TO MAKE THE MOST OF IT**
 - A. **Isaiah 61:1 & Luke 4 - Jesus read the same**
 - B. **When did we get anointed? Pentecost - Paul writes - 2Cor 1:21-22**
 - C. **Why given to us? Isaiah 61:1... very clear DOING words in this passage**
 - D. **Holy Spirit present v Holy Spirit absent? Isaiah 11:1**
 - E. **Other evidence? - Fruit Galatians 5:22**
 - F. **Checklist or conduit? 1 John 3:17**
- III. **ARE WE IN THE RIGHT PLACE TO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN**
 - A. **Building or Maintaining?**
 - B. **Real or Virtual?**

RIGHT TIME, RIGHT SKILLS, RIGHT PLACE = GOOD JOB