

The Ministry of the Messiah

Proclaiming God's favor (1-3)

Preaching the good news (II Corinthians 5:14-15)

Proclaiming freedom (John 8:34-36 / Galatians 5:13 / I Peter 2:16)

Providing comfort (II Corinthians 1:3-4)

Planting of the LORD (Matthew 13:23 / John 15:16 / Colossians 1:10)

Priests of the LORD (4-7) (I Peter 2:9)

Rebuilding ancient ruins (Ephesians 2:20 / I Timothy 3:15)

Restoring places that were devastated (Colossians 2:13-15)

Receiving the priesthood (ministers of God) (Revelation 1:5-6)

Rejoicing in their inheritance (Ezekiel 44:28 / Romans 8:17 / I Peter 1:3-4)

People blessed by the LORD (8-9)

Everlasting covenant (Genesis 17:7-8 / Jeremiah 31:36-37; 33:25-26)

Exalted among the nations (Deuteronomy 28:10-13)

Praise before all nations (10-11)

Rejoicing in my God (John 17:3)

Robed in righteousness (Romans 13:14 / Ephesians 4:20-24)

Rising up in righteousness and praise (II Corinthians 5:17 / I Peter 2:9 / Titus 2:14)

Discussion questions for Isaiah 61

In what ways are we to proclaim God's favor? (II Corinthians 6:1-2 / I Peter 2:9 / Psalm 107 / Psalm 136 / Psalm 145)

How are we to serve as His priests here on earth? (II Corinthians 5:18-21 / James 5:16 / I Timothy 4:12 / John 13:14-17)

What is the connection between righteousness and praise? (contrast with wickedness) (Proverbs 29:2 / Daniel 4:37 / Revelation 15:3-4; 16:9 & 11)