

**REBUILDING
BROKEN LIVES**

SCRIPTURE
LESSON:
ISAIAH 61:1-3

**ISAIAH 61:1-3 , THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD GOD IS UPON ME,
BECAUSE THE LORD HAS ANOINTED ME TO PREACH GOOD
TIDINGS TO THE POOR; HE HAS SENT ME TO HEAL THE
BROKENHEARTED, TO PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES,
AND THE OPENING OF THE PRISON TO THOSE WHO ARE BOUND;
TO PROCLAIM THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD, AND THE
DAY OF VENGEANCE OF OUR GOD; TO COMFORT ALL WHO
MOURN, TO CONSOLE THOSE WHO MOURN IN ZION, TO GIVE
THEM BEAUTY FOR ASHES, THE OIL OF JOY FOR MOURNING, THE
GARMENT OF PRAISE FOR THE SPIRIT OF HEAVINESS; THAT THEY
MAY BE CALLED TREES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, THE PLANTING OF
THE LORD, THAT HE MAY BE GLORIFIED.**

BEAUTY FOR ASHES

**THE GARMENT
OF PRAISE FOR
THE SPIRIT OF
HEAVINESS**

**THE SPIRIT OF HEAVINESS CAN BE
CHARACTERIZED AS ANY INTENSE
NEGATIVE FEELING THAT CHALLENGES
OUR FAITH AND WHAT WE KNOW
ABOUT GOD.**

THE “SPIRIT OF HEAVINESS”

“SPIRIT OF DESPAIR,”

“A FAINT SPIRIT,”

“A SUFFERING SPIRIT.”

**PROVERBS 12:25,
HEAVINESS IN THE HEART
OF MAN MAKES IT STOOP,
BUT A GOOD WORD
MAKES IT GLAD.**

**PROVERBS 10:1, A WISE
SON MAKETH A GLAD
FATHER: BUT A FOOLISH
SON IS THE HEAVINESS OF
HIS MOTHER.**

**WHILE THE SPIRIT OF HEAVINESS
DISCONNECTS, PRAISE CONNECTS.**

THE “GARMENT OF PRAISE”

**THE "GARMENT OF PRAISE" IS AN
EXPRESSION THAT DESCRIBES A
COVERING OR MANTLE OF
WORSHIP AND REJOICING LAID
UPON BELIEVERS, REPLACING
HEAVINESS OR SORROW WITH
JOYFUL ADORATION OF GOD.**

**THE GARMENT OF PRAISE IS A
SPIRITUAL GARMENT THAT YOU PUT
ON TO COVER YOUR SPIRIT.**

**ISAIAH 61:10, I DELIGHT GREATLY IN
THE LORD; MY SOUL REJOICES IN MY
GOD, FOR HE HAS CLOTHED ME WITH
GARMENTS OF SALVATION, AND
ARRAYED ME IN A ROBE OF HIS
RIGHTEOUSNESS...**

**PSALM 43:5, WHY ARE YOU
DISCOURAGED, MY SOUL? WHY ARE
YOU SO RESTLESS? PUT YOUR HOPE
IN GOD, BECAUSE I WILL STILL
PRAISE HIM. HE IS MY SAVIOR AND
MY GOD.**

**HOW DO WE PUT ON THE GARMENT
OF PRAISE WHEN WE DON'T FEEL
JOYFUL?**

1. WE RECOGNIZE THE TRUTH.

**PSALM 8:2, THROUGH THE PRAISE OF
CHILDREN AND INFANTS YOU HAVE
ESTABLISHED A STRONGHOLD AGAINST
YOUR ENEMIES, TO SILENCE THE FOE
AND THE AVENGER.**

**PRAISE IS THE MEANS BY WHICH GOD
SHUTS THE MOUTH OF THE ENEMY.**

**SHOUTS OF PRAISE, THAT DO NOT COME
FROM A SINCERE HEART, DON'T HAVE ANY
POWER.**

2. WE MAKE A CONSCIOUS CHOICE.

**HEBREWS 13:15, THROUGH JESUS,
THEREFORE, LET US CONTINUALLY
OFFER TO GOD A SACRIFICE OF PRAISE
—THE FRUIT OF LIPS THAT OPENLY
PROFESS HIS NAME.**

**GOD IS MORE INTERESTED IN THE FRUIT
OF OUR HEART THAN THE FRUIT OF OUR
LIPS.**

WHY IS PRAISE SO HARD?

1. SUFFERING

2. ABUNDANCE

3. MUNDANITY

**HABAKKUK 3:17-18, THOUGH THE FIG TREE SHOULD
NOT BLOSSOM AND THERE BE NO FRUIT ON THE
VINES, THOUGH THE YIELD OF THE OLIVE SHOULD
FAIL, AND THE FIELDS PRODUCE NO FOOD, THOUGH
THE FLOCK SHOULD BE CUT OFF FROM THE FOLD
AND THERE BE NO CATTLE IN THE STALLS, YET I
WILL EXULT IN THE LORD. I WILL REJOICE IN THE
GOD OF MY SALVATION.**