### 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 OIL OF JOY

# OAKS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS A PLANTING OF THE LORD

### WE ARE OAKS (TREES) OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

#### **ADVICE FROM A TREE:**

1. STAND TALL AND PROUD. 2. SINK YOUR ROOTS INTO THE EARTH. 3. BE CONTENT WITH YOUR NATURAL BEAUTY. 4. GO OUT ON A LIMB. 5. DRINK PLENTY OF WATER. 6. REMEMBER YOUR ROOTS.

7. ENJOY THE VIEW.

## THREE SYMBOLISM'S FOR TREES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS:

1. FRUITFULNESS BUT THE HOLY SPIRIT PRODUCES THIS KIND OF FRUIT IN OUR LIVES: LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, AND SELF-CONTROL. **GALATIANS 5:22** 

2. STABILITY AND GROWTH THEREFORE, MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, STAND FIRM. LET NOTHING MOVE YOU. ALWAYS GIVE YOURSELVES FULLY TO THE WORK OF THE LORD, BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT YOUR LABOR IN THE LORD IS NOT IN VAIN. I CORINTHIANS 15:58

### "WHEN THE ROOT IS WORTHLESS, SO IS THE TREE" GERMAN PROVERB

#### 3. WITNESS LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE MEN, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS, AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN. **MATTHEW 5:16**

# "THAT THEY MAY BE CALLED OAKS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, THE PLANTING OF THE LORD, THAT HE MAY BE GLORIFIED."

# 1. WHO YOU ARE. 2. WHOSE YOU ARE. 3. WHY YOU EXIST.

#### 1. WHO YOU ARE: OAKS (TREES) OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

### TREES ARE INDISPENSABLE: 1. THEY CONSUME CARBON DIOXIDE. 2. THEY PRODUCE OXYGEN.

## A TREE REMOVES FROM THE ATMOSPHERE WHAT KILLS US (CARBON DIOXIDE), ADDS TO THE ATMOSPHERE (OXYGEN) WHAT GIVES US LIFE.

### "WE ARE THE KIND OF FOREST THE WORLD NEEDS."

### 2. WHOSE YOU ARE: A PLANTING OF THE LORD

# ROOTED AND BUILT UP IN HIM AND ESTABLISHED IN THE FAITH, AS YOU HAVE BEEN TAUGHT, ABOUNDING IN IT WITH THANKSGIVING. COLOSSIANS 2:7

# KEEP YOUR ROOTS DEEP IN HIM, BUILD YOUR LIVES ON HIM, AND BECOME STRONGER IN YOUR FAITH, AS YOU WERE TAUGHT. AND BE FILLED WITH THANKSGIVING.

## "WHAT COMES INTO OUR MINDS WHEN WE THINK ABOUT GOD IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ABOUT US." A.W. TOZER

### 3. WHY YOU EXIST: FOR THE DISPLAY OF HIS GLORY.

# SO THAT CHRIST MAY DWELL IN YOUR HEARTS THROUGH FAITH. THEN YOU, BEING ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN LOVE. EPHESIANS 3:17

BLESSED IS THE MAN THAT TRUSTS IN THE LORD, AND WHOSE HOPE THE LORD IS. FOR HE SHALL BE AS A TREE PLANTED BY THE WATERS, AND THAT SPREADS OUT HIS ROOTS BY THE RIVER, AND SHALL NOT FEAR WHEN HEAT COMES, BUT HIS LEAF SHALL BE GREEN; AND SHALL NOT BE CAREFUL IN THE YEAR OF DROUGHT, NEITHER SHALL CEASE FROM YIELDING FRUIT. **JEREMIAH 17:7-8** 

#### TWO OBSERVATIONS: 1. TRUST IS THE FOUNDATION OF BLESSINGS. 2. PLANTED BY WATER (SPIRITUAL VITALITY)

## "A TREE WITH STRONG ROOTS LAUGHS AT STORMS." (MAYLA PROVERB)

### PSALM ONE "AND HE SHALL BE LIKE A TREE..."