

Series: The Need for Christian Maturity

Subject Matter- How to Reject, the Spirit of Rejection (The 3rd of 7 Lessons)

Title: Trees of Righteousness Part 2

Isaiah 61:1-3

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SPECIAL NOTE: These lessons are not intended to provide medical or psychological advice or to take the place of medical advice and treatment from your personal physician. Those who are having suicidal thoughts or who have been emotionally, physically, or sexually abused should seek help from a mental health professional or qualified counselor.

Matthew 18:1-7

- 1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"*
- 2 Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them,*
- 3 and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.*
- 4 Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*
- 5 Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.*
- 6 "But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.*
- 7 Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes!*

Isaiah 61:1-3 (Lesson Text)

- 1 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me.
Because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek;
He hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives,
And the opening of the prison to them that are bound;*
- 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord,
And the day of vengeance of our God;
To comfort all that mourn;*
- 3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion,
To give unto them beauty for ashes,
The oil of joy for mourning,
The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
That they might be called trees of righteousness,*

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What Happens when God is Rejected

The main message of the book is that Yahweh will bring judgment upon those who oppose Him, while simultaneously redeeming His people via foreigners and the Suffering Servant.

The story of Isaiah and a record of his prophecies to the court of Judah during the decline of Israel just before the Assyrian conquest and after the Babylonian conquest.

The prophecies in the book of Isaiah have three main purposes:

1. Calling Judah and Israel to repent and walk in the ways of the Lord (see 1:1–6:13; 9:8–10:4; 24:1–27:13; 35:1–10; 43:1–45:25; 48:1–52:12; 54:1–59:21; 60:1–66:24.).
2. Prophesying against foreign nations who had begun to invade the land that God had given to His people (see 7:18–8:22; 10:5–34; 13:1–23:18; 28:1–33:24; 36:1–39:8; 46:1–47:15).
3. Offering hope to those who wish to follow Yahweh (see 7:1–17; 9:1–7; 11:1–12; 42:1–25; 52:13–53:12). Isaiah anticipates the future Messiah who will redeem God's people from their transgressions and from the judgment that they have received because of their contraventions.

SERVANT SONGS - Songs about the office of the Suffering Servant of the Lord in the book of Isaiah. Found in Isa 42:1–4 (with Isa 42:5–9); Isa 49:1–6 (with Isa 49:7–12); Isa 50:4–9 (with Isa 50:10–11); Isa 52:13–53:12; and **Isa. 61:1–3.**

Messiah announces His twofold commission to bring gospel mercy at His first coming, and judgments on unbelievers and comfort to Zion at His second coming (Is 61:1–9);

The Causes of Rejection

1. PEER RIDICULE AND EXCLUSION
2. PARENTAL FAILURES
 - a. Feelings of Intrusion
 - b. Withholding of Love
 - c. Inability to Express Love
3. EFFECTS OF DIVORCE
4. THE PAIN OF FAVORITISM
5. A DEEP ROOT

Rejection is not merely an evil in itself, but it also opens the door for various other negative, destructive forces to move in and gradually take over a person's life. Rejection truly is a root from which much that is harmful can grow.

The Root

Matthew 3:7-10

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

8 Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance,

9 and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

10 And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

Hidden Rejection

Rejection opens the way for the other negative spirits to follow. As already stated, many destructive emotions and attitudes can grow out of a root of rejection.

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Next Week:

Hidden Rejection

The Healing Power of God's Word

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The Purposes of God Word for the Rejected

Spirit of Heaviness

Manifestations - Excessive Mourning, Sorrow-Grief, Insomnia, Self- Pity, Rejection, Broken-Heart, Despair-Dejection-Hopelessness, Depression, Suicidal Thoughts, Inner Hurts-Torn Spirit, Heaviness

Scriptures: (Isaiah 61:3; Luke 4:18; Nehemiah 2:2; Proverbs 15:13; Psalms 69:20; Proverbs 12:18; 15:3,13; 18:14; Luke 4:18; 2 Corinthians 1:8-9; Isaiah 61:3; Mark 9; Luke 4:18; Proverbs 18:14; 26:22)

Roots... "The Works of the Flesh," Galatians 5:19-21.

"By their fruits you will know all men," Matthew 7:20.

According to Matthew 6:10; 11:12; 12:29; 16:18; 18:18; 28:18

Bind: Spirit of Heaviness

Loose: Comforter, Garment of Praise, Oil of Joy, John 15:26; Isaiah 61:3

Righteousness

Two Week Preview: **Overcoming, A Father's Rejection.**

See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse. (Malachi 4:5–6)