



The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to preach good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,

2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort _____ who mourns,

3 and provide for you _____, as you grieve —
to bestow on you a crown of beauty instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of
despair. _____, you will be called an oak of
righteousness, a planting of the LORD
for the display of *His* splendor.

4 You will rebuild what has been
ruined and restore the places in your life
long devastated; you will renew all that
has been ruined, what has been devastated
for generations...

7 Instead of your shame, _____,
you will receive a double portion, and instead
of disgrace you will rejoice in your
inheritance; and so you will inherit a double
portion in your land, and everlasting joy
will be yours.

— Isaiah 61: 1-4, 7