



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

The Job Description of the Messiah December 16-18, 2023

Isaiah 61:1-3, 10-11

*1 The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to proclaim 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,[a]*

*2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,*

*3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes,*

*the oil of joy
instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.*

*They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the Lord
for the display of his splendor.*

*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,
as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.*

*11 For as the soil makes the sprout come up
and a garden causes seeds to grow,
so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness
and praise spring up before all nations.*

1. In a sentence or two, describe what your current job is (even if you are retired).

2. In verse v. 1, who is “me”? How do you know that? (cf. Luke 4:14-21)

3. When and how was the Messiah “anointed”? (cf. Matthew 3:16-17)

4. List 4 duties included in the Messiah’s job description.

5. What does Jesus’ fulfillment of each of those 4 tasks mean to/for you personally?

6. For information on the Year of Jubilee, cf. Luke 25:8-28.

7. What light does Matthew 25:31-46 shed on Isaiah 61:2?

8. Kyle struggles with a certain sin that he falls into again and again. He gives generously to charities, his church, and gets involved in many service activities. Yet his heart is still weighed down with guilt. How can you use this chapter to soothe his troubled heart?

9. In verses 9-11 Isaiah breaks out into a song of joy. Put yourself in his place (where you indeed are). What are you happy about?