

He Has Us Covered

Isaiah 61

1. Our Savior's _____ (v. 1-3)
 - a. _____ with the Spirit
 - i. To bring _____
 - ii. To the " _____ "
 - b. _____ by the LORD
 - i. To bind up the _____
 - ii. To proclaim liberty to _____
 - iii. To proclaim an opening to the _____
 - iv. To proclaim the _____ of the LORD's favor
 - v. To proclaim the _____ of God's vengeance
 - vi. To comfort those who _____
2. Our LORD's _____ (v. 4-9)
 - a. _____ the ruins
 - i. Of _____
 - ii. Of _____
 - b. _____ the nations
 - c. _____ the calling of God's people
 - i. As the LORD's _____
 - ii. As God's _____
 - d. _____ dishonor for honor
 - e. Remembering the _____
 - f. Remembering the _____
3. Our Reason for _____ (v. 10-11)
 - a. Clothed with garments of _____
 - b. Covered with a robe of _____
 - c. Cast in the _____ of a wedding day
 - d. Cultivated for _____ & _____

"Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God."

Revelation 19:11-13

Raymond Ortlund, Jr. on Isaiah 61:4

"Long-standing ruins in our personalities, in our homes, in our world – God promises to give back everything sin has ruined. And he does it through us. The mourners of verse 3 become the repair experts of verse 4. Isaiah uses the language of rebuilding because the Jewish people literally rebuilt the ruins of Jerusalem after the exile. But that was only a token of a deeper restoration for us all.

"We need this. We have 'the devastations of many generations' in Northern Ireland, in the Middle East, in our homes. That's what sin does. Sin creates victims, who feel entitled to retaliate, which creates more sin and more victims who feel entitled to retaliate, which creates more sin and more victims... Isn't it interesting that in the many wars of history no one ever stands up and says, 'Hey, everybody, I'm firing the first shot. I'm picking this fight. This war is all my fault'? Every war is a counterstrike; all shots are return fire, redressing a wrong. Is that convincing? There are just wars. But where grievances are concerned, every one of us has a long memory and a short fuse. Every person, every home, every culture has ancient ruins creating more ruins. And who has ever stopped it?

"Ever since Adam fell, sin has been spreading a culture of death. We'll never understand ourselves and our surroundings without that background. This world is not normal. We are not normal. Everything is broken. So here's a radical proposal: *We need a Savior*. And the only person in the history of the human race who qualifies is Jesus Christ."

Read through the Bible in a year!

Dec 5: Daniel 1-2; I John 4	Dec 9: Daniel 11-12; Jude
Dec 6: Daniel 3-4; I John 5	Dec 10: Hosea 1-4; Revelation 1
Dec 7: Daniel 5-7; II John	Dec 11: Hosea 5-8; Revelation 2
Dec 8: Daniel 8-10; III John	

*** Lord willing, all who complete the reading at the end of the year will be invited to a dinner and celebration at the end of the year!***