

## ***Seeing the Beauty of God in Isaiah 61*** ***Part of the "Consolations" of Isaiah (58-66)***

Need consolation? Isaiah chapter 61 is a wonderful comfort, support and relief. To affirm such consolation, reflect also on Christ's own words: *"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."* Matt. 5:3-4. *Our Lord Jesus has a soft, warm touch when it comes to encouraging us, doesn't He?*

There are eleven verses of Isaiah 61 with the last two (10 and 11) very much connected with chapter 62. So, as we look at Isaiah 61 today, we will only focus on the first 9 verses. What we will find is an incredible commentary on the Anointed One (Jesus) and His transforming work. If you look, and allow Him to speak to you, I trust you will see the beauty of God which is marvelous, magnificent, and majestic.

When you next spend time with the Lord to reflect on today's message read the end of Chapter 61 and chapter 62 together to see the unfolding GOOD NEWS promised for the city of Jerusalem. It's GOOD NEWS because this is a city that will be delivered - by the Anointed's righteousness. Here is my outline for the message:

### ***Marvelous Restoration (1-3)***

How will restoration come about? By the A \_\_\_\_\_ of the S \_\_\_\_\_  
 What tasks will the restorer perform? There are lots: look for them and make your own notes.

### ***Magnificent Revitalization (4-6)***

In these verses take a note of who is going to serve who and reflect on the idea of servanthood.

### ***Majestic Reward (7-9)***

First, they will be given the j \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord (7),  
 second, they will be given a c \_\_\_\_\_ by the Lord (8),  
 and third, they will be given r \_\_\_\_\_ by the nations (9).