

Isaiah 61:6 – 62:4

Exodus 19:6 - "And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation..."

This passage expands on that promise.

Isaiah 61:6 - "But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves."

Isaiah 61:6 (NET) - "Instead of shame, you will get a double portion; instead of humiliation, they will rejoice over the land they receive. Yes, they will possess a double portion in their land and experience lasting joy."

"lasting joy" = *olam* - eternal, outside of time, the vanishing point.

Isaiah 61:10 - "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels."

"garments of salvation" = *yesha`* - salvation, deliverance (like Yeshua, Jesus the Messiah)

"robe of righteousness" = *tsēdaqah* - perfect justice, rightness, rectitude, virtue

What is the right garment?

Adam and Eve clothed themselves in fig leaves to cover their shame, in vain. God had to sacrifice two innocent animals and use their skins to cover them. (**Genesis 3:7,21**)

If we try to cover ourselves, we find that "all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags" (**Isaiah 64:6**)

And [Abraham] believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness. (**Genesis 15:6**)

"Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment." (**Zechariah 3:4**)

The right garment is essential:

"How camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment?" (**Matthew 22:12**)

The garment of salvation reflects the Spirit and character of Christ

"Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Instead, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh." (**Romans 13:13-14**)

"But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all."

"Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness."
(**Colossians 3:8-14**)

"And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." (**Ephesians 4:24**)

His bride will be "arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: . . . the righteousness of saints" (**Revelation 19:7,8**)

We are exhorted to "put on thy beautiful garments" (**Isaiah 52:1**)

"adorn themselves... with good deeds" (**1 Timothy 2:9-10**)

We look at Christ, not at the garment

Being "comfortable in your own clothes" is a way of saying you are not self-conscious, that in turn you put others at ease and radiate grace and openness.

"And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." (**Matthew 6:29**)

This all looks forward to a final change of garment:

"So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory."
(**1 Corinthians 15:54**)

The effect of the new garment

Isaiah 62:1 - "For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof

as a lamp that burneth."

Rashi - "I will not rest": There will be no peace before Me until her righteousness comes out like brilliance.

Isaiah 62:2 - "And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name."

Isaiah 62:3 - "Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God."

Isaiah 62:4 - "Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married."

or "your land will be married to him." (NET)