

Isaiah 61:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

The exclamation 'I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God' expresses exuberant worship arising from experienced salvation. The reason: 'he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness.' This imagery depicts imputed righteousness - God clothes naked sinners with Christ's perfect righteousness. The bridal language (bridegroom/bride) celebrates covenant union.

Historical Context

This anticipates the gospel of justification by faith - believers wear Christ's righteousness, not their own filthy rags (64:6). The bridal imagery finds fulfillment in Revelation 19:7-8 where church wears 'fine linen, clean and white...the righteousness of saints.'

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does knowing you're clothed in Christ's righteousness (not your own) produce genuine rejoicing?
2. What does it mean to be dressed as a bride for her wedding - how does this depict your relationship with Christ?

Interlinear Text

כִּי בְּאֶלְמָנָה בְּנִפְשִׁי	אֲשֶׁר יְשִׁיבֵה בְּבֵית הָרֶבֶל	בְּבֵית הַבְּרִית	בְּבֵית הַבְּרִית	בְּבֵית הַבְּרִית	בְּבֵית הַבְּרִית	בְּבֵית הַבְּרִית
I will greatly	I will greatly	in the LORD	shall be joyful	my soul	in my God	H3588
H7797	H7797	H3068	H1523	H5315	H430	
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for he hath clothed	me with the garments	of salvation	me with the robe			
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of righteousness	he hath covered	as a bridegroom	decketh	himself with ornaments		
H6666	H3271	H2860	H3547	H6287		
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and as a bride	adorneth	herself with her jewels				
H3618	H5710	H3627				

Additional Cross-References

Philippians 3:9 (Righteousness): And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

Psalms 132:9 (Righteousness): Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy.

Psalms 132:16 (Salvation): I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

Romans 14:17 (Righteousness): For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Revelation 21:2 (References God): And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Romans 5:11 (References God): And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

Isaiah 49:18 (References Lord): Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold: all these gather themselves together, and come to thee. As I live, saith the LORD, thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all, as with an ornament, and bind them on thee, as a bride doeth.

Isaiah 52:1 (Parallel theme): Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.

Isaiah 51:11 (References Lord): Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

Isaiah 61:3 (Righteousness): To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.