Oaks Of Righteousness (Isaiah 61:3)

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INTRODUCTION

- In the book of Colossians, the point is Jesus Christ's supremacy.
- Good discipline, stability, firmly rooted, built up, established in your faith, just as you were instructed.
- Be concerned about the voices who are influencing your thinking and behavior. Make sure you are listening to Jesus' voice and being known by him.

1 The Realization of Our Glorious Calling

Isaiah 61:1–2; Isaiah 59:16; Revelation 21

- This passage about the oaks of righteousness says something very powerful about the realization we need to have in regard to our calling and how extremely glorious it is.
- It is not mundane, it is not humdrum, it is not just going through the ritual and the motions of what we've done every Sunday for the last 20 years. This is a glorious calling.
- And he said, Today, this has been fulfilled in your hearing. So something in this context is relating to Jesus' work, his ministry as the Messiah.
- We won't get the meaning of Revelation chapter 21 unless we know something about Isaiah.
- We've got to quit looking at this from a material visible perspective. And see what we are and what we do here from a spiritual point of view.
- There was not anything that could sever their connection to the Lord. And their exceeding hope was beyond anything in this world.

2 The Development of Spiritual Maturity

Ephesians 4:14–15

- I shall not be moved. That's the idea of an oak. The development of spiritual maturity.
- We need to make sure that we have deep spiritual roots, and those come from an abiding confidence in God and an abiding confidence in the trustworthiness and value and benefit of his word.
- Oaks of righteousness says to me something that can withstand any amount of negative, harsh, hurtful, discouraging circumstances that may present themselves to us.
- We need a root system that is so deep and so strong that it can withstand anything.
- He shall be like a tree. That is planted by rivers of waters. And that yields its fruit in its season.
- Not toss to and fro by every wind of doctrine, but grow up in all aspects unto him who is the head, even Christ, oaks of righteousness.

3 Unrelenting Pursuit and Maintenance of a Spiritual Center

- The unrelenting pursuit and maintenance of a spiritual center and the daily practice of worship.
- We can dismiss the spiritual from our mind for a period of five or six days and think we can come into this place and turn it on for the Lord and feel something. It's not going to happen.
- How do you see yourself? Do you see yourself as an oak of righteousness?
- So which is it for you? An oak, mighty and majestic. Or the sickly sap. Or the tiny tender twig.

THE CHALLENGE

And that's to be an oak of righteousness. The planting of the Lord. That he may be glorified. Choose an oak while we stand and sing.

MY NOTES