

THE GIFT OF SALVATION THROUGH THE COMING SAVIOUR ISAIAH 61:01–11

Introduction

Have you ever needed to be rescued from a life-threatening situation? Car accident? Drowning? Disease? Some other crisis that could have easily snatched your life away? Even if you have not personally confronted death, most of us know someone who has.

When thinking about life-threatening situations, we must all face the crisis of sin in our lives. Whether or not we acknowledge the sin or deny it does not change the reality that sin will doom us to eternal death. We are all gripped by the hand of sin, held in bondage by its power. No matter how much we may try to keep from sinning, we discover that we still do wrong or come up short. We cannot achieve perfection, no matter how diligently we try. We are always coming short and failing to some degree. But even more tragic, we discover that we are gripped by death. No human being escapes death. The grave is inevitable.

But the wonderful message of the present Scripture is this: we can be saved. The wonderful gift of salvation has been offered to the human race. Salvation from sin and death can be ours. God sent the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, to provide redemption for us. It is this great message that Isaiah the prophet proclaimed.

Keep in mind that this prophecy was given over 700 years before Christ ever came into the world. We today can look back through human history to see how this prediction of the coming Saviour was fulfilled in the Lord Jesus Christ. This is, *The Gift of Salvation Through the Coming Saviour*, Isaiah 61:1-62:12.

I. The promise of salvation through the coming Saviour (61:1-11).

II. The assurance of salvation through the coming Saviour (62:1-12).

Isaiah 61: 01–11 The Promise of Salvation Through the Coming Saviour

God gave the wonderful promise of salvation through the coming Saviour. Amazingly, this prophecy was given over 700 years before Jesus Christ ever came to earth. Right after Jesus' baptism and wilderness temptation, the first thing He did was revisit His hometown of Nazareth. On the Sabbath He attended worship in the synagogue and personally stood up to read the Scripture, choosing part of this passage of Scripture to read (Isa 61:1-2a). What happened at the conclusion of His reading was most dramatic, astounding the congregation. Listen to the account given by the gospel of *Luke*.

Luke 4:17-21 *And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to*

proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Jesus Christ claimed to be the *Messiah*, the *Servant of the LORD*, the promised Saviour of the world. Note how the predicted mission of the Saviour was fulfilled by Jesus Christ just as the present Scripture and outline of Isaiah show:

1. The Saviour was to be anointed by God's very own Spirit (v. 1). All three persons of the Godhead or Trinity are mentioned here: the Spirit, the LORD (Jehovah, Yahweh), and the Messiah or Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ who so clearly fulfilled the mission spelled out in this passage. Over 700 years before Jesus came, it was predicted that God's very own Spirit would rest on the Messiah. By the fullness of God's Spirit, the Messiah would be equipped to fulfil His task. And the Holy Scriptures say that when Jesus Christ was baptised, the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God descended upon Him like a dove. The voice of God was heard, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased" (Mt. 3:16-17). Down through history the Spirit of God has always filled God's prophets and servants, but they were mere human beings. Therefore, the presence and power of the Spirit was always limited. But not so with the Messiah, the Saviour. The very fullness of God Himself, the fullness of His Spirit, rested upon the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. As the New Testament says:
"For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily" (Col 2:9, KJV).
"For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form" (Col 2:9, NIV).
"For in Him the entire fullness of God's nature dwells bodily (Col 2:9, HCSB).
"For in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily" (Col 2:9, RSV).
"For in Christ the fullness of God lives in a human body" (Col 2:9, NLT).
"For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily" (Col 2:9, NKJV).
"For in Him all the fullness of deity dwells in bodily form" (Col 2:9, NASB).
2. The Saviour was to be sent into the world on a very special mission. Keep in mind that Isaiah was preaching to the people of his own day, doing all he could to give them hope in the midst of a troubling world. Focusing their attention on the future, he pointed them to the coming of the Messiah, for their only hope was in the Saviour of the world. Only He could deliver them from the trials, temptations, evil, bondages, and death of this world. The Saviour's mission was to include six very specific tasks:
 - a. The Saviour's mission was to preach good news to the poor (v. 1). The poor means not only poor in material possessions, but also poor *in spirit*. A person who is *poor in spirit* acknowledges his utter helplessness before God, his spiritual need. He knows that he is solely dependent upon God to meet his need. He acknowledges his inability to face life and eternity apart from God, recognizing that the real blessings of life and eternity come only from a right relationship with the LORD. A person *poor in*

spirit is humble, acknowledging that he is no better, no more superior than the next person — no matter what he may have achieved in this world (fame, fortune, power). His attitude toward others is not proud or haughty, not superior or overbearing. He acknowledges that every human being is a real person, a person who has a significant contribution to make to society and to the world. He approaches life with humility and appreciation, not as though life owes him, but as though he owes life. Christ came to preach the salvation of God to the poor, those who readily know they need to be saved. And to these God promised the kingdom of heaven.

Mat 5:3 *“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Mat 18:4 *“Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”*

Mat 25:34-36 *“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.’”*

Luke 14:11 *“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”*

James 2:5 *Listen, my dear brothers: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?*

James 4:6 *But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”*

1 Pet 5:5 *Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”*

Isa 66:2 *Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?” declares the Lord. “This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word.*

b. The Saviour’s mission was to heal the *broken-hearted* (v. 1). Throughout every generation there are masses who are *broken-hearted*, just as there were during Isaiah’s day. These people are...

- crushed with grief
- devastated by divorce
- ravaged by disease
- blemished by sin
- deserted by friends
- consumed with loneliness
- overwhelmed with financial problems
- enslaved to the world

A host of experiences cause all kinds of suffering for man. Indeed, internal and external pain can be so deep that they break the human heart. To heal and bind up the heart was one of the purposes for which God was to send the Messiah. Once Jesus

Christ came into the world, He immediately began to heal the broken-hearted. And He continues His healing ministry even today. Any broken heart can be restored by the *touch* of Jesus Christ. He longs to bind up and heal the broken-hearted.

Mat 8:17 *This was to fulfil what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: “He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases.”*

Heb 2:15-16 *And free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants.*

Heb 2:18 *Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.*

Psa 34:18 *The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit*

Psa 51:17 *The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*

Isa 53:4 *Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.*

- c. The Saviour’s mission was to proclaim freedom to those held captive (v. 1). Of course, this was not a promise that all the criminals in the world would be set free from prison. Rather, the meaning refers to the two captivating forces from which people cannot escape: the forces of sin and death. Every human being sins and cannot help but sin. And every human being dies and cannot keep from dying. Thus the human race has been taken hostage by sin and death (Rom 3:23; 6:23; 7:14; Heb 9:27). But the Saviour was to liberate or set free the human race from the bondages of sin and death. No human being has the energy, power, or ability to free him or herself. Only God can redeem people, deliver them from wickedness and death. This He has chosen to do through the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. God Himself has paid the ransom for man’s release — the ransom of a life for a life. He gave the life of His Son so that every person might be set free from the slavery of sin and death. As a result, every captive can be redeemed through the blood of the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who died for the sins of the human race.

John 3:16 *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*

Rom 3:23-24 *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. And are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.*

Eph 1:7 *In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace.*

2 Tim 1:10 *But it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.*

Heb 2:14-15 *Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death — that is, the devil — and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.*

Heb 9:12-14 *He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!*

1 Pet 1:18-19 *For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.*

- d. The Saviour's mission was to proclaim the year of God's salvation and the coming Day of Judgment (v. 2). The *acceptable year* or the "year [time] of the LORD's favour" (NIV, NLT) actually means the era, the age of salvation. When the Messiah came into the world, He was to proclaim the glorious message of God's salvation. From the point of the Saviour's coming to the end of human history, the marvellous testimony of man's liberation from sin and death and from the coming judgment would be declared. God's favour or wonderful grace was to be poured out upon people. And because of God's grace, people could now be saved. It was the task of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, to make known the grace and salvation of God for the human race. But it was also His task to make known the vengeance of God, for the Day of Judgment was coming. God was to execute vengeance against all who rejected the Messiah and His salvation. It was the God-given task of the Messiah to proclaim both salvation and judgment.

Thought 1. The mission of the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, was to proclaim the salvation of God.

Luke 4:43 *But he said, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent."*

Luke 12:49 *"I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!"*

Luke 19:10 *"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."*

John 3:17 *For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*

John 9:39 *Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."*

John 12:47 *“As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it.*

1 Tim 1:15 *Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners — of whom I am the worst.*

Thought 2. The mission of Christ was to warn people of the coming judgment or vengeance of God.

Mat 03:10 *The axe is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.*

Mat 5:29-30 *If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.*

Mat 07:19 *Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.*

Mat 10:28 *“Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”*

Mat 13:42, 50 *They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth....And throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

Mat 23:15, 33 *“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as you are.... “You snakes! You brood of vipers! How will you escape being condemned to hell?”*

Mat 25:41 *“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’”*

Luke 3:9 *The axe is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”*

Luke 10:15 *And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted up to the skies? No, you will go down to the depths.”*

Luke 12:5 *“But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after the killing of the body, has power to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him.”*

Luke 16:23-24 *In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’*

John 3:36 *Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on him.*

e. The Saviour's mission was to comfort all who mourned or grieved (v. 2c-3). A person *mourns* due to being bruised physically, mentally, emotionally, psychologically or spiritually. Mourning can be caused by such things as...

- disability
- marital problems
- pain
- financial hardship
- disease
- unemployment
- injury
- loss of a loved one

In essence, the Saviour was to comfort all who were burdened under the weight of their suffering. When Jesus Christ came, He began to fulfil this wonderful promise. He reached out to console and reassure those who hurt. Even today He will comfort any who turn to Him in their pain and suffering. Moreover, the Saviour gives two wonderful promises to those who are going through hard times and deep sorrow:

=> They will be given the clothing of beauty — gladness, joy, and praise — instead of the clothing of sackcloth and ashes.

John 15:11 *“I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.”*

John 16:23-24 *“Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.”*

John 17:13 *“I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them.”*

Rom 14:17 *For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.*

Heb 12:1-2 *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

=> He will give them a name, a testimony of righteousness (v. 3b).

Rom 14:17 *For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.*

2 Cor 5:21 *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

Phil 1:11 *Filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ — to the glory and praise of God.*

1 Pet 2:9 *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

Rev 3:12 *Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name.*

3. The Saviour's kingdom and its blessings of salvation were then pictured by Isaiah (vv. 4-11). A graphic description is given of the Messiah's coming kingdom, just what life will be like when Christ returns to set up God's kingdom on earth. Nine wonderful blessings are mentioned (also see 60:1-22; 65:17-25; 66:1-24):
 - a. The nation of Israel will be restored (v. 4). All the destroyed cities will be rebuilt, even cities that have been laying in ruins for generations. Note how general this statement is, suggesting that Christ's kingdom will bring about a restoration of all nations on earth. His kingdom will definitely include all nations of the world. This certainly suggests that all cities must be restored to provide the best living conditions possible for people, as well as the best working and environmental conditions. Remember that Christ will be establishing the Kingdom of God in all its perfection throughout the whole world.
 - b. Positions of authority and management will be given to God's people (v. 5). They will receive rewards from the LORD, and one of these rewards will be an assignment of influence and supervision. Remember that Jesus Christ will rule from Jerusalem, the capital or seat of His government. This verse suggests that those living in Jerusalem will be the Lord's officials responsible for the government of the world. Foreigners will be tending the flocks, fields, and vineyards. This simply means that the nations and peoples throughout the rest of the world will be carrying on the day-to-day work of the economy. Foreigners will no longer oppress Jerusalem but, rather, serve the capital of the Messiah.

1 Cor 6:2-3 *Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge [oversee, manage] trivial cases? Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life!*

Rev 3:10 *Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth.*

- c. A very special name will be given to God's people, a name of honour (v. 6a). God's people will be called priests of the LORD, ministers of God. Some commentators apply this to Jewish believers, but the blessing is certainly applicable to all God's people, as other Scriptures bear out:

1 Pet 2:5 *You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

1 Pet 2:9-10 *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of*

darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Rev 1:6 *And has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father — to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.*

Rev 20:6 *Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.*

- d A very special blessing will be given to the Jews and their capital: Jerusalem will become the world's capital and worship centre (v. 6b). The wealth of the nations will pour into Jerusalem, and believers will praise the LORD for these riches.
- e A double inheritance in the promised land will be given to God's people (v. 7). Down through the generations God's people had been disgraced by the oppressors of the world. But in the Messiah's kingdom they will rejoice due to receiving a double inheritance, a double portion of prosperity in the promised land. Believers should always remember the wonderful inheritance promised them by the LORD:

John 14:2-3 *“In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”*

Rom 8:16-17 *The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit, that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs — heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.*

Gal 3:26-29 *So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

Phil 3:20-21 *But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.*

Titus 3:7 *So that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.*

1 Pet 1:3-4 *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. And into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade kept in heaven for you.*

- f. Justice, peace, and security will rule in the Messiah's kingdom (v. 8a). Society will be free of criminals, and there will be no lawlessness. An unbelievable transformation! Nevertheless, this is the wonderful promise of the LORD given to His people.

Luke 1:78-79 *Because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun [Christ] will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.”*

Luke 2:13-14 *Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favour rests.”*

John 14:27 *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”*

John 16:33 *“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”*

Acts 10:35 *But accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right.*

Rom 8:6-7 *The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so.*

Rom 14:17 *For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.*

- g. The Messiah will establish an *everlasting covenant* with the people (v. 8b). When Jesus Christ came to earth the first time, He established a new, eternal relationship with God. In the Messiah’s kingdom, God’s people will be filled with the Holy Spirit and the Word of God. His laws and commandments will be written on their hearts.

Heb 8:10 *This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.*

Heb 9:15-18 *For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance — now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant. In the case of a will, it is necessary to prove the death of the one who made it, because a will is in force only when somebody has died; it never takes effect while the one who made it is living. This is why even the first covenant was not put into effect without blood.*

Heb 10:16 *“This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.”*

Isa 55:3 *Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.*

Jer 32:40 *I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good to them, and I will inspire them to fear me, so that they will never turn away from me.*

- h. God’s people will be honoured before the world (v. 9). All the world will acknowledge God’s blessings to Israel, which was one of the promises given to

Abraham (see outline and notes, Gen 12:1-3). Because of their righteous lives, all believers bear opposition from the world, ranging from minor ridicule over to brutality and martyrdom. But in the day of the Messiah's kingdom, all people will acknowledge God's blessings upon His people.

John 12:26 *"Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me."*

Rev 3:21 *To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.*

i. The coming kingdom of the Messiah will bring great joy and rejoicing (vv. 10-11). In these two verses, all the citizens of Zion are seen praising God for two reasons:

=> because the LORD had clothed them in salvation and righteousness

=> because the LORD causes the seed of righteousness and praise to spring up in all the nations of the world (v. 11)

When a person comes to the Messiah for salvation, God clothes him in the righteousness of Christ. Bringing the joy of righteousness and salvation to the earth was the very purpose for the Saviour's coming.

Mat 22:11-13 *But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. 'Friend,' he asked, 'how did you get in here without wedding clothes?' The man was speechless. Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'*

Luke 15:21-24 *"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate."*

2 Cor 5:21 *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

Eph 4:24 *And to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.*

Job 29:14 *I put on righteousness as my clothing; justice was my robe and my turban.*

Zec 3:4 *The angel said to those who were standing before him, "Take off his filthy clothes." Then he said to Joshua, "See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put fine garments on you [a robe of righteousness]." ■*