



Sermon Notes

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Isaiah 61:1-3

¹ *The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.*

*He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,*

² *to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,*

³ *and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes,
the oil of joy
instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.*

Genesis 1:1

¹ *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

God existed before anything else - and will exist after all has passed

Elohim- The all-powerful God who created all things.

Only God can create something out of nothing

Genesis 1:1 (Amplified Bible)

¹ *In the beginning God (Elohim) created [by forming from nothing] the heavens and the earth.*

Psalms 14:1

¹ *The fool says in his heart,
"There is no God."*

*They are corrupt, their deeds are vile;
there is no one who does good.*



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Psalm 54:4

⁴ *Surely God is my help;
the Lord is the one who sustains me.*

Isaiah 46:4

⁴ *Even to your old age and gray hairs
I am he, I am he who will sustain you.
I have made you and I will carry you;
I will sustain you and I will rescue you.*

God creates all things, and He sustains them!

There is hope in the ashes. And God is calling us to rise out of them!

Entropy: The degree of disorder or randomness in a system. The lack of order or predictability; gradual decline into disorder.

Colossians 1:17

¹ *He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

When we're down to nothing – God is up to something

God is about to show Himself to be both real and powerful!

Who knows but that you have come to your position in life for such a time as this?

Esther 4:14

¹⁴ *For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?*



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