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#### verb

- 1. become or make larger or more extensive.2. "their business expanded into other hotels and properties"

# KINGDOM SERIES: RIGHTEOUSNESS | WEEK THREE

"Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10 NKJV



### **EXPAND ACADEMY VISION:**

Our heart at Expand Academy is to <u>Equip</u>, <u>Empower</u>, and <u>Expand</u> the kingdom of God within the believer & around the globe.

We will gather around the testimony of Jesus Christ. We believe as the Spirit of God kisses the Word of God; it is activated to produce eternal fruit in our lives.



"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples of to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20



#### **RECAP:**

- We covered Matthew 5:6
- We also discussed Matthew 5:8
- We did a Heaven's Establishment on consuming righteousness.

"The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me, for the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released, and prisoners will be freed. He has sent me to tell those who mourn that the time of the Lord's favor has come, and with it, the day of God's anger against their enemies. To all who mourn in Israel, he will give a crown of beauty for ashes, a joyous blessing instead of mourning, festive praise instead of despair.

<u>in their righteousness,</u> they will be like great oaks that the Lord has planted for his own glory."

Isaiah 61:1-3 NLT

The Great Exchange	
Crown of Beauty	Ashes
Joyous Blessing	Mourning
Festive Praise	Despair

"In their righteousness, they will like great oaks the Lord has planted for His own glory."

"Oaks are known for their strength, endurance, power, and ancient wisdom. The oak tree's strong roots penetrate deeply into the earth, anchoring it firmly in place. Like the backbone of the earth, its trunk rises tall and proud, branching out into a canopy of leaves that provide shelter and protection to all those beneath it."



Long before the fall of creation, the Lamb of God was slain from the foundations of the Earth. The Righteous One was a seed sown/sacrificed that we may be come oaks of righteousness. Not moved by the winds and the water but standing firmly in place outlasting the test of time.

Ancient wisdom- ancient wisdom only comes from the ancient of days. You see, righteousness goes all the way back to the fall of creation. Adam and Eve were naked and ashamed. God, in His grace & goodness, covered them with figs, but because of Christ reversing the curse we have been covered with a robe of righteousness.

It's hard to release the freedom message of the Gospel (found in Isaiah 61) if our words have not been birthed out of righteousness. You have to live in the righteousness of Christ to carry freedom-point blank. You can carry a message, but that does not mean that you are carrying freedom. We can speak words, but that does not mean we are speaking words that will bring liberation.

"They will rebuild the ancient ruins, repairing cities destroyed long ago. They will revive them, though they have been deserted for many generations. Foreigner will be your servants. They will feed your flocks and plow your fields and tend your vineyards. You will be called priests of the Lord, ministers of our God. You will feed on the treasure of the nations and boast in their riches. Instead of shame and dishonor, you will enjoy a double share of honor. You will possess a double portion of prosperity in your land and everlasting joy will be yours.

Isaiah 61:4-7 NLT

The righteous are conduits that rebuild, restore, and revive.



#### **HEAVEN'S ESTABLISHMENT:**

The Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. How can the Kingdom of God be established in our lives in a greater way today?

We can never establish or released what we have not first received. The Kingdom has to be established first within our lives before it's established through our lives.

Let's do some inventory: Do you carry freedom?

We leaned into accessing the promise of Isaiah 61. The key to accessing freedom and liberation that comes from righteousness.

- 1. Do you find that the words that your release bring freedom?
- 2. There is a connection between the characteristics of an oak tree and one who lives in righteousness. Do you relate to the characteristics of an oak tree?
- 3. How does it feel to be planted for God's glory?

Holy Spirit,

I pray for the grace to carry the Gospel message of freedom to a hungry and thirsty world. In Jesus' name, amen.