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Year's Text: **Isaiah 61:4-7**

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Text: Isaiah 61:7

“For your shame *ye shall have* double; and *for* confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.”

Psalm 90:10

“The days of our years *are* threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength *they be* fourscore years, yet *is* their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.”

I. The children of Israel came out as:

- Recyclers of the old waste
- Raisers of former desolations
- Repairers of waste cities
- Recipients of help
- Representatives of the kingdom
- Rich in resources
- Renown
- Renewed mind.

II. **Confusion** – to wound or hurt; reproach

- a state in which things are uncertain, foggy or jumbled
- bewilderment
- inability to act with clarity or understanding
- a state of disorder or disturbance.

A. Confusion can be defined as 3 things:

1. Confusion is a weapon of the enemy.
In Latin, the root word of confusion means “ to pour together.”
2. Confusion is a spirit.
This spirit unleashes demonic activity through mental, emotional or physical struggles.

‘O Lord, let me never be put to confusion.’

Psalm 71:1

“In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.”

3. Confusion is a weight.
The weight of confusion is to bring about burden.

B. Why was confusion unacceptable?

1 Corinthians 14:33

“For God is not *the author* of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.”

The Prophet’s antidote for confusion was to rejoice.

... and for confusion, they shall rejoice in their portion...

III. The prophet understood the strength and clarity that rejoicing brings.

1. Rejoice – to emit a strong sound or shout, _____

2. Rejoice - to cry out in exaltation, _____

3. Rejoice - the exhortation of wisdom, _____

4. Rejoice - to ring or sing out, _____

IV. Why is rejoicing such a powerful antidote for confusion?

For confusion, they shall rejoice in their portion...

In other words, the ability to rejoice belongs to the saints.

REJOICE!!!

