**OUT OF THE ASHES WE RISE**

*Pastor Tommy Wilborn*

*Grace Outreach Family Church*

*January 10, 2021*

***We Arise By Bringing To God The Right Offering***

**6**What can we bring to the Lord?
    Should we bring him burnt offerings?
Should we bow before God Most High
    with offerings of yearling calves?
**7**Should we offer him thousands of rams
    and ten thousand rivers of olive oil?
Should we sacrifice our firstborn children
    to pay for our sins?

**8**No, O people, the Lord has told you what is good,
    and this is what he requires of you:
to do what is right, to love mercy,
    and to walk humbly with your God.

***Micah 6:6-8 NLT***

***In Deep Waters, Difficulty & Fire, God Is With Us***

**2**He will not shout
    or raise his voice in public.
**3**He will not crush the weakest reed
    or put out a flickering candle.
    He will bring justice to all who have been wronged.

***Isaiah 43:2-3a NLT***

***The Gift, “Oil Of Gladness”***

**7**You love justice and hate evil.
    Therefore God, your God, has anointed you,
    pouring out the oil of joy on you more than on anyone else.

***Psalm 45:7 NLT***

***God’s Promise For Us Today***

**1** 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.
**2**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.
**3**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.
In their righteousness, they will be like great oaks
    that the Lord has planted for his own glory.

***Isaiah 61:1-3 NLT***

***God Honors Those That Are Despised For His Sake***

**1** “Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. **2**There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=john+14%3A1-3&version=NLT#fen-NLT-26636b)] **3**When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.

***John 14:1-3 NLT***

“Yesterday is gone.

Tomorrow has not come yet.

We have only today, Let us begin.”

***Mother Teresa***