

FE 226: A Ministry Opportunity inside Bedford Hills Correctional Facility
Bible Passages from Isaiah for Reflection

Isaiah 16:3-5

³Give counsel,
grant justice;
make your shade like night
at the height of noon;
hide the outcasts,
do not betray the fugitive;
⁴let the outcasts of Moab
settle among you;
be a refuge to them
from the destroyer.
When the oppressor is no more,
and destruction has ceased,
and marauders have vanished from the land,
⁵then a throne shall be established in steadfast love
in the tent of David,
and on it shall sit in faithfulness
a ruler who seeks justice
and is swift to do what is right.
(New Revised Standard Version)

Isaiah 40:1-2

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.
(New Revised Standard Version)

Isaiah 43: 1-4a

But now thus said the LORD –
Who created you, O Jacob,
Who formed you, O Israel:
Fear not, for I will redeem you;
I have singled you out by name,
You are Mine.
When you pass through water,
I will be with you;
Through streams,
They shall not overwhelm you.
When you walk through fire,
You shall not be scorched;
Through flame,
It shall not burn you.
For I the LORD am your God,
The Holy One of Israel, you Savior.
I give Egypt as a ransom for you,
Ethiopia and Saba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious to Me,
And honored, and I love you.
(JPS translation)

Isaiah 48: 8-9

Yea, though hearest not; yea, though knewest not;
yea, from that time that thine ear was not opened:
For I knew that thou wouldest deal very treacherously,
and wast called a transgressor from the womb.
For my name's sake will I defer mine anger,
and for my praise will I refrain for thee,
that I cut thee not off.
(King James Version)

Isaiah 53: 3-8

He was despised, shunned by men,
A man of suffering, familiar with disease.
As one who hid his face from us,
He was despised, we held him of no account.
Yet it was our sickness that he was bearing,
Our suffering that he endured.
We accounted him plagued,
Smitten and afflicted by God;
But he was wounded because of our sins,
Crushed because of our iniquities.
He bore the chastisement that made us whole,
And by his bruises we were healed.
We all went astray like sheep,
Each going his own way;
And the LORD visited upon him the guilt of all of us.”
He was maltreated, yet he was submissive,
He did not open his mouth;
Like a sheep being led to slaughter,
Like a ewe, dumb before those who shear her,
He did not open his mouth.
By oppressive judgment he was taken away,
Who could describe his abode?
For he was cut off from the land of the living
Through the sin of my people, who deserved the
punishment.
(JPS translation)

Isaiah 61: 1-2, 4

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort for those who mourn;
They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of
many generations.
(New Standard Revised Version)