

A Crown of Splendor Isaiah 62:1-5

Hephzibah

Translated from the original Hebrew, <u>Hephzibah</u> literally means, <u>"My delight is in her."</u>

We too inherit the promises of the Old Testament

He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit. (Galatians 3:14 NIV)

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her vindication shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. The nations will see your vindication, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow. You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the Lord will take delight in you, and your land will be married. As a young man marries a young woman, so will your Builder marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you. (Isaiah 62:1-5 NIV)

The enemy of our soul attacks but Christ is our vindicator

vindicate

[vin-di-keyt]

1. to clear, as from an accusation, imputation, suspicion, or the like: to vindicate someone's honor.

2. to afford justification for; justify:

3. to uphold or justify by argument or evidence: to vindicate a claim.

4. to assert, maintain, or defend (a right, cause, etc.) against opposition.

5. to claim for oneself or another.

6. Roman and Civil Law. to regain possession, under claim of title of property through legal procedure, or to assert one's right to possession.

7. to get revenge for; avenge.

Latin

1525-15351525-35; < Latin vindicātus (past participle of vindicāre to lay legal claim to (property), **to free (someone) from servitude**

We often see ourselves <u>inaccurately</u> But God says we are a Crown of <u>Splendor</u>! <u>splen.dor</u>

magnificent and splendid appearance; grandeur.

synonyms: magnificence, sumptuousness, grandeur, impressiveness, resplendence, opulence, luxury, richness, fineness, lavishness, ornateness, glory, beauty, elegance; majesty, stateliness; informally: ritziness, splendiferousness



A <u>diadem</u> is type of crown, specifically an ornamental headband worn by Eastern monarchs and others as a badge of royalty.

A diadem is also a jewelled ornament in the shape of a half crown, worn by women and placed over the forehead.

How does all this apply to us?

We often measure our own worth using faulty standards

Society Media Parents Others Satan

But the only person who can accurately ascribe our worth is our <u>creator</u>.

He created us, loves us and paid the highest price, Jesus to vindicate us!

"Knight in Shining Armor"

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