

“THE ANOINTING OIL”

Text I John 2:18-20 & 27, Exodus 30:22-33

Subject: “The Power of Cooperating With God”

Introduction

Fact: Sometimes people have been confused as to what is, or what isn't the anointing.

Fact: Some have been unsure as to how to receive this anointing.

Fact: Some believe the anointing can be transferred from one person to another.

Fact: Some believe the anointing is a physical manifestation expressed by someone.

Fact: Still others wonder, what is the anointing of the Holy Spirit and what does it have to do with me?

Fact: Some believe that the anointing of the Spirit is only for those who minister in a public forum.

(The word “anointing” is a Bible term)

- *“Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath **anointed thee** with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.”* (Hebrews 1:9)
- *Now He which established us with you in Christ, and hath **anointed us**, is God.”* (II Cor. 1:21)
- *“God **anointed** Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power; who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.”* (Acts 10:38)
- *..Thou **anointest my head with oil**; my cup runneth over.”* (Psalm 23:5b)
- *”And it shall come to pass in that day, that His burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the **“anointing.”**”* (Isaiah 10:27)

(All read in I John 2:20 & 27)

(V. 20) *“But ye have an **unction** from the Holy One, and ye know all things.”*

(V. 27) *“But the **anointing** which ye have received of Him abideth in you.”*

Question: What is this anointing, who is it for and how do we obtain it?

(Notice I John 2:20 & 27)

- Two words are used for the same meaning.
- The terms “**unction**” in v. 20 and “**anointing**” in v. 27 come from the same Greek word.
- The Greek word is CHRISMA and means:
 1. The endowment of the Holy Spirit.
 2. The anointing of the Holy Spirit.
 3. The rubbing (or smearing) with oil.
 4. To furnish what is needed.

(Now remember)

- In the Old Testament, only prophets, priests and kings were anointed.
- They were anointed by pouring oil upon their heads (which symbolized the spirit of God coming upon them).
- The anointing was the privilege of only a few chosen people; but Jesus changed all of this.
- In Luke 4:18, Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit.
- And now, John tells us in I John 2:20 & 27 that every believer is anointed. **(Why anointed?)**
- To be your protective covering against false teachers, heresy and seducing spirits.

Fact: Every believer has an anointing (an unction) that abides within.

Fact: This Holy Spirit comes into us at the new birth:

“But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His.” (Romans 8:9)

Question: Why do some people seem to be more anointed than others?

Answer: Because you and I have a choice every day, to cooperate (or not to cooperate) with God’s Spirit within us.

“The Anointing Of The Holy Spirit”

I. **The “Pretending” Of The Anointing** (What the anointing is not)

1. **The Anointing is not emotion.**

- ◆ Emotion is the moving of our feelings.
- ◆ The anointing can and will affect our feelings.
- ◆ But confusion sets in when we equate emotion with anointing.

Remember: hype is “energy without sincerity”.

2. **The anointing is not talent.**

- ◆ Talents can camouflage the flesh.
- ◆ Natural gifting and abilities are to be improved and exercised.
- ◆ But natural faculties or talents can be exercised while in sin (which is scary).

3. **The anointing is not personality.**

- ◆ Personality is the quality of our behavioral expressions.
- ◆ These distinctive individual traits (even though “dynamic” in appearance) are not the anointing.

4. **The anointing is not experience.**

- ◆ This is most dangerous because we know what is “supposed to happen”.
- ◆ Yet, this is how charlatans mislead believers who cannot discern between flesh and spirit (how religious hucksters take advantage of other people).

II. **The “Prohibition” Of The Anointing** (What it isn’t for) (Exodus 20:31-33)

V. 31 *“There shall be a holy anointing oil unto me throughout your generations.”*

V. 32 *“Upon man’s flesh shall it not be poured, neither shall ye make any other like it.”*

V. 33 *“Whoever puts it on a stranger, shall even be cut off from his people.”*

Question: What is the prohibition pastor?

1. **God will not anoint the “flesh”**
 - Which is the carnal nature opposed to God’s will.
2. **God will not anoint the “counterfeit”**
 - For God despises all pretense and pretending.
3. **God will not anoint the “stranger”**
 - Which is the world, the unsaved or the entertainer estranged from God.

Remember: The devil intends to weaken the church by bringing the world into the church. God’s intention is to purify the church and send it out into the world!!!

III. **The “Process” Or The Anointing**

Question: What is the anointing of the Holy Spirit?

Answer: It is the free flow of the Holy Spirit operating in the life of the believer, unhindered by an unyielding self life. (Repeat)

Question: How is this anointing strengthened (or how do I cooperate) with the Spirit of God?

Answer: By understanding the New Testament type in the Old Testament (in Exodus 30:23-25)

(The Principal Spices Used In Holy Anointing Oil)

1. Myrrh

- ◆ Myrrh is a thick gummy sap extracted from the stem of a tree in Arabia of Africa.
- ◆ It was used for perfume, for embalming and as one of the spices for the anointing oil.
- ◆ The tree that yielded the myrrh was eight to nine feet high, its trunk was thorny and its wood hard.
- ◆ The thick gummy sap came out so slow that it took years to draw out just one bucket.

(It is interesting)

- ◆ That there was also myrrh that was inferior in quality.
- ◆ It was extracted by cutting down the tree and splitting it open to “get it quick”.
- ◆ This myrrh was impure and not of a good quality.

What is the application?

- ◆ The anointing (or sensitivity to the Holy Spirit) grows over **time**.
- ◆ It comes as we wait upon God with patience, and walk with Jesus **day** by **day**.
- ◆ It is not obtained by a **quick** fix, new book, new sermon, new tape, new thing.
- ◆ No “get it quick class” or “crash course in spiritual things” will **keep** the aroma of God.

Question: Have you found yourself in a hurry? (Impatient with something or someone?)

Question: Do you find yourself “on hold” and you want to hasten God’s schedule for you?

(If so, then set back and cooperate with God)

- ◆ James 1:4 – “Let **patience** have her perfect work.”
- ◆ Psalm 37:7 – “Rest in the Lord and wait **patiently** for Him.”
- ◆ I Timothy 6 11 – “Follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love and **patience**.”
- ◆ Hebrews 12:1 - “Run with **patience** the race set before you.”

Illustration: At Tangiers Seafood House where I worked in Baltimore for several years; there was a sign over the kitchen door for every customer to see. It said; “Good food takes time to prepare.”

Illustration: While attending Valley Forge Christian College, there was a sign on the Jersey Turnpike while it was under construction. It said; The inconveniences are temporary, the improvements are permanent.”

Fact: Myrrh speaks of **patient waiting!**

2. Sweet Cinnamon

- ◆ Cinnamon is a spice grown in Ceylon and the islands of the Indian Ocean.
- ◆ It is dark red in color and comes from the inner rhine of the plant.
- ◆ This inner rhine must be stripped from the plant and go through a drying process.
- ◆ After the drying, it becomes the sweetest of perfumes to be used in the anointing oil.

The Application

Ask: So you thought your dry desserts were wasted seasons?

Ask: So you thought the “stripping away seasons” couldn’t be beneficial?

Ask: So you thought the wilderness would do you in?

Question: How many of you have ever been through a spiritually dry season?

Question: How many of you (like the cinnamon) have ever gone through the drying process? (When God weaned you away from earthly comforts and crutches, and all you had was Jesus?)

Fact: Sweet cinnamon is talking to us today.

Fact: It tells me it is okay to travel through those desert seasons when my allegiance to God is tested. When God’s **hands** seem to be withdrawn, will I continue to seek His **face**?

(Hear the word of God concerning dry seasons.)

- ◆ Deuteronomy 32:10 – *“The Lord found Israel in a desert land, in the waste howling wilderness.”*
- ◆ Jeremiah 2:6 – *“Where is the Lord that brought us up out of Egypt and led us through a land of deserts and the pits, and through a land of draught.”*
- ◆ Isaiah 43:20 – *“I will make a way in the wilderness and desert...to give my people a drink.”*

(Remember this)

- ◆ We become very sensitive to the Lord when the Lord is all we have.
- ◆ Our awareness, consciousness and sensitivity to God are increased when we see the Lord in the waste howling wilderness.

Fact: Beloved, cinnamon speaks of **parched deserts**.

3. **Calamus**

- ◆ Calamus is the term for cane, reed, stalk or stem.
- ◆ The sweetest calamus (or cane) came from India.
- ◆ Isaiah and Jeremiah spoke of calamus as a foreign treasure with great value. (Isaiah 3:24, Jeremiah 6:20)
- ◆ The spice from the calamus was a fragrant cane whose root was the spice.
- ◆ Calamus is simply a root and roots grow underground in secret.

Illustration?

Fact: The root speaks of our unseen, secret, private walk with God.

Fact: The root speaks of depth of experience where we draw nutrients into our soul in secret.

Fact: The root speaks of getting planted, being taught systematically, not running or resisting from what God wants to do in us!

(Hear the Lord concerning our root system)

- ◆ Psalm 92:13 – *“Those that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.”*
- ◆ Colossians 2:7 – *“Rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith.”*
- ◆ Isaiah 37:21 – *“...Take root downward and bear fruit upward.”*
- ◆ Proverbs 12:3 – *“The root of the righteous shall not be moved.”*
- ◆ Proverbs 12:12 – *“The root of the righteous yields fruit.”*

Fact: The anointing becomes more and more real as we excel in the **secret** place.

Fact: The anointing becomes more effective when my **choices** please God in secret.

Fact: The anointing will be commensurate (or equal to) my deliberate choice to walk **transparent** before God at all times.

Fact: Calamus speaks of **planted deliberately**.

4. **Cassia**

- ◆ Cassia has the aroma of cinnamon.
- ◆ Cassia was the bark from a tree in China and Malaysia.
- ◆ This spice (from bark) was seen outwardly.
- ◆ The bark was stripped from the tree and then boiled for its spice.

The Application?

Question: Is the bark of our tree (what people see) important to God?

Question: Is an undefiled life that important day by day?

Question: Is there anything in my life that is causing someone else to stumble in their faith?

(Hear the Lord's instruction)

- ◆ Mathew 5:16 – *“Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works.”*
- ◆ Acts 24:16 – *“Have a conscience void of offense toward God and man.”*
- ◆ II Corinthians 6:3 – *“Giving no offense in anything, that the ministry be not blamed.”*
- ◆ I Corinthians 8:9 – *“Take heed lest your liberty become a stumbling block to them that are weak.”*
- ◆ Galatians 5:13 – *“For brethren, ye have been called unto liberty, but use not your liberty for an occasion to the flesh.”*

(We must never forget this)

- ◆ What the world observes in us will either **underscore** or **undercut** everything we believe.

Beloved, cassia speaks of **purity that is visible**.

5. **Olive Oil**

- ◆ Olive oil comes from the olive trees in Palestine.
- ◆ The olive tree is not large and is not beautiful.
- ◆ It blossoms greatly and bears fruit every other year.
- ◆ The flower is yellow at first, but as it expands it becomes whiter, leaving a yellow center.
- ◆ The olive itself is first green, then pale and when ripe, black.
- ◆ The value of the olive is the oil it produces.
- ◆ One full sized tree can produce a thousand pounds of oil.
- ◆ Large groves of olive trees are found in Syria, Palestine and Lebanon.
- ◆ The olive oil is used for cooking, salads, frying and in the manufacturing of soap.
- ◆ But, the olive oil comes only one way, the shaking of the branches and the bruising of the olives.
- ◆ The olives must be broken and crushed, crushed and broken.
- ◆ They must die and be broken to be valuable and useful.

(The Application?)

Question: Is everything in me broken to the will of God?

Question: Have you been crushed, broken, dented, betrayed or bruised?

Question: Are the “All things work together for good” in Romans 8:28 squeezing something out of you or into you by God?

Question: Are you living the reality of the death process of the seed underground?

(Hear the words of Jesus)

◆ John 12:24 – *“Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abides alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.”*

Question: How many of you want much fruit from your life?

Question: How many of you want heaven to be affected by your life on earth?

Fact: Olive oil speaks of **painful elevation**

- ◆ When we surrender our **rights** to God (and refuse to get bitter).
- ◆ When we choose to **forgive** when it's not deserved.
- ◆ When we refuse to **murmur** when pain is inflicted.
- ◆ When we (like Joseph) believe God takes what is painful and uses it for **good!**
- ◆ When we let God **redeem** our hard places and pour His grace into us.

Amen
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