

The Anointing

I. The Lesson

“The anointing” can be one of those subjective biblical phrases that can mean different things to different people based upon our understanding and interpretation. It is, in fact, a Biblical concept and requirement, both Old and New Testament. It is important that we understand what the anointing is, why we need it, and how to receive and carry it. How would you define anointing? When someone says, “That was an anointed worship set,” or, “She was anointed,” or, “He is an anointed singer,” what are they saying? (go ahead, chat it up)

1. The Old Testament definition of the anointing: The special oil that was prescribed and required by God to be applied to the priests in order to set them apart for ministry in the house of the Lord.

Exodus 40:13-15 “Then dress Aaron in the sacred garments, anoint him and consecrate him so he may serve me as priest. Bring his sons and dress them in tunics. Anoint them just as you anointed their father, so they may serve me as priests. Their anointing will be to a priesthood that will continue for all generations to come.”

Because this was a prerequisite and a mandatory requirement for all priests who ministered before the Lord, it would be accurate to say: “Where there is no anointing, there is no _____!”

2. One of the New Testament / Greek words for anointing is “*Chraomai*,” which means, “To furnish or give what it is needed. To light upon or rest upon.
Another word that is used is “*Chrio*,” which means, “To be set apart for service, the divine enabling for the office.”

2 Cor. 1:21 “Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us. (*chrio*)”

So when someone says, “They are anointed,” they would be accurately describing someone who the Holy Spirit has rested upon to _____ to do what they are called to do. The anointing makes things unique, special, beyond human capabilities, and set apart for God’s purpose. The anointing qualifies us to be “priests” in the

presence of God and to minister to the Lord and His people. The anointing is always given for a _____.

Luke 4:18 “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed”

Acts 1:8 “But you shall receive power, ability, efficiency and might when the Holy Spirit has come upon you. And you shall be...”

Luke 3:22 “Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized, and (while He was still) praying, the (visible) heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form, like a dove.”

3. We need the anointing because human talent, passion, and gifting will not produce _____.

Isaiah 10:27 “In that day their burden will be lifted from your shoulders, their yoke from your neck. The yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing.”

Spiritual yokes (bondages, restraints, and restrictions) are broken and destroyed by the anointing upon the people of God.

4. We need continual anointing because without “fresh oil” we will inevitably face _____ and spiritual exhaustion.

There is a clear picture of this in Leviticus chapter 24, when God told the priest that, “The lamps on the pure gold lamp stand before the LORD must be tended continually.”

These golden lamp stands were designed to burn fresh oil that would be drawn up from a basin that was being replenished every day. There is a huge difference between being a lamp stand and a candle! Candles consume themselves in the process of providing light while lamp stands are a channel for fresh oil and can burn continually without exhaustion. Ministries that are running on talent, passion, human wisdom, schedules, and budgets without being replenished with the “fresh oil” of the Holy Spirit are candle ministries that have a predictable shelf life!

5. How do we receive and maintain the anointing?

There are several biblical principles and practices that determine the release and levels of anointing that people experience and operate in. The final point is this: The anointing is given to the vessels that are _____ for service in the courts of the Lord!

Exodus 30:29-31 “You shall consecrate them so they will be most holy, and whatever touches them will be holy. Anoint Aaron and his sons and consecrate them so they may serve me as priests. Say to the Israelites, 'This is to be my sacred anointing oil for the generations to come.'”

When we are “consecrated,” it means that we are set apart *from* something in order to be set apart *to* something. This is the call that has been given to worship leaders, worship teams, musicians, singers, artists, and servants since the establishing of the priesthood. The clear call is to live “holy unto the Lord.” This is not a legalistic set of rules but a lifestyle of holiness, purity, integrity, worship, and prayer that makes us different, unique, and usable for the Master.

2 Tim. 2:20-21 “In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble. If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.”

II. Discussion

- 1) When was the first time that you felt the anointing? What did that produce in your heart and desires?
- 2) Do we value the anointing? How is it a priority for us personally and our team?
- 3) How can you tell the difference between performance-based and anointed worship?
- 4) What are some biblical ways that we can receive and walk in the anointing?
- 5) Why do we need anointing? How does it affect the congregation?
- 6) What are some things that will cause the anointing to “leak out?”

III. Prayer Points

- 1) Pray for a strong desire for the Presence of the Holy Spirit on every aspect of the team: Musically, technically, leadership, etc.

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- 2) Ask for “divine enablement” for your specific area of ministry.
- 3) Pray for unity (Psalm 133) and that nothing would steal or diminish the anointing.
- 4) Believe for such a strong anointing on the coming days of worship that the bondages in people’s lives would be broken and permanently destroyed during the worship set.
- 5) Pray for, look for, and anticipate the gifts of the Spirit being in operation as well as a tangible increase in the anointing.
- 6) Pray for holiness, purity, and integrity to permeate the team! That we would live as “vessels of honor.”
- 7) “MORE LORD!”