

THE ANOINTING -1-

“The Sons of Oil”

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I. Introduction: Foundations of the Anointing

- Opening questions: What is the anointing? Where does it come from? What does it do to a person? How does life change when one is anointed?
- Key truth: You cannot anoint yourself. Only God can bestow the anointing.
- Critique of modern views: The religious world has romanticized the anointing (treated it like a “warm oil bath” or spa experience). There is no romanticism in a true anointing.
- Characteristics of genuine anointing:
 - It can be harsh, hard, abrupt, and unexpected.
 - It can bring hardship and trial.
 - Example of David’s anointing by Samuel (1 Samuel 16): A full horn of oil poured out, running over him; the fragrance clung for weeks/months and was noticeable to others.
- The true anointing of God brings about a visible/tangible effect in your life. You do not need to fake a true anointing – it is there, working and seen by others.

II. Anointing of Your Life, Not Just Your Ministry

- Common error: People seek the anointing primarily for ministry on a public platform.
- Biblical priority: God first anoints *lives*, not ministries. If the life is not anointed, the ministry will not be either.
- The anointing marks ownership: God declares “You are Mine” / “You are My possession.”
- Consequences of the anointing:
 - It separates and consecrates a person.
 - It can complicate life, create loneliness, and demand careful living (watching what one walks in, touches, listens to, or looks at).
 - The anointing is like a skittish dove (the Holy Ghost descended and remained on Jesus at the Jordan); the anointing can leave as quickly as it comes if mishandled. To maintain God’s anointing, one must walk carefully and cautiously so as not to disturb the nesting dove, as it were.
- Contrast with talent/ability: Many are skilled, charismatic, knowledgeable, and “fully equipped,” yet lack the true anointing. Only the anointing breaks the yoke (Isaiah 10:27 principle). Without it, one is empty.

III. The Need for the Anointing and the Call to Be Vessels

- God calls us to become vessels He can pour His oil into; to be filled with passion, zeal, fire, and the oil so He can send people out and use you in whatever capacity He desires.
- The harvest is plentiful, but laborers with the anointing are few (Matthew 9:37–38 / Luke 10:2).

- Jesus' instruction to the disciples: Do not go out or minister until you are clothed with power from on high (Luke 24:49 / Acts 1:4–8) – the anointing.
- The anointing cannot be imparted by human hands alone; only God can give it. God searches for those who seek Him (His presence, power, character, light, and likeness), not those who seek for platforms, recognition, or ministry.
- The anointing often comes at unexpected times and places.

IV. Fruitfulness and the “Sons of Oil” (Core Biblical Teaching)

- There is a relationship between spiritual fruitfulness and the anointing.
- Many desire the power of the anointing yet they lack in spiritual fruitfulness.
- Key text: Isaiah 5:1-3 – the Beloved's “fruitful hill” (Zion / the vineyard).
 - In Hebrew, the word translated “fruitful” is linked to “sons of oil” (or anointed sons).
- Implication: True anointing produces fruit-bearing lives that drip with the oil of the Spirit. God's first intent is to produce anointed sons/daughters whose lives overflow with oil.

V. Purpose and Application

- In this generation, the church urgently needs the anointing of the Holy Ghost, with oil dripping from the lives of those He uses.
- We are called to become “sons of oil”: vessels set apart, fruitful, and empowered for God's purposes rather than mere religious activity.
- Closing emphasis on preparation to receive and steward the anointing so that God can use and send His people forth.

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