



What about me? Part 5 THE OIL OF ANOINTING



3 STORIES

1. Samuel finds David and anoints him (1 Sam 16)
2. David tears the corner off Saul's robe, but refuses to kill him (1 Sam 24)
3. The prophet Nathan tells David a parable + he repents (2 Sam 12, Ps 51)

1. David receives the 'OIL OF ANOINTING' (Metaphor #4)

- * ANOINTING = IMPARTATION of Holy Spirit PRESENCE, POWER + PURPOSE.
- * Visualisation of oil upon the head symbolising the Holy Spirit COMING UPON + EQUIPPING FOR SERVICE.
- * Seen placed in context of ORDINATION, CONSECRATION, BLESSING, SUCCESS, even HEALING (Lev 8:10, Mk 6:12-13, Jas 5:13-16, Ps 20:6-7, 45:2)
- * Upon PRIESTS (Ex 28:41) ... Upon PROPHETS (2 Sam 23:1-2, Ps 105:15) ... Upon KINGS (1 Sam 10:1, 16:13) ... Upon the MESSIAH to come (Isa 61:1-2) ... Upon JESUS (Acts 10:38) ... Upon US (2 Cor 1:21-22, 1 John 2:20,27)

→ *What do you understand by the term 'anointing'? Have you heard it used in the past? In what context? Do you think they were right? Is it an underused or overused term?*

2. Shows how much David VALUED the anointing

- * Why wouldn't he kill Saul? Clue in the line: "TOUCH NOT the Lord's ANOINTED!"
- * The anointing was exceedingly PRECIOUS to David and he'd do anything to PROTECT, PRESERVE + NURTURE it.
- * Psalm 23:5 → David replayed in his mind, over and over, that OIL RUNNING DOWN his head and neck.
- * It wasn't SAUL messing with David's head; it was the OIL.

→ *Why do you think David refused to harm Saul? Is there any application to us today to the statement, 'Touch not the Lord's anointed?'*

→ *What was the anointing such a big deal to David? How did it change / direct / influence his life?*

For David, oil represented:

- i) His CALLING (position, status, significance, purpose, destiny)
- ii) His SETTING APART FROM THE WORLD (holiness, separation from sin, attitudes, habits)
- iii) His SETTING APART TO GOD (consecration, devotion, intimacy, David the Psalmist / worshipper)
- iv) God's PRESENCE WITH HIM + IN HIM and all that meant and brought (gifting, prophetic, wisdom, God's blessing, favour + protection).

3. David JEOPARDISES the anointing (Psalm 51)

- * DAVID knew how CRUCIAL that anointing was ... actually it was EVERYTHING and he thought he'd BLOWN IT.
- * The DEVIL knows that too → He laid the perfect HONEY-TRAP for David and he fell for it, hook, line and sinker.
- * He does it TO US, too, repeatedly → How can I get them to SQUANDER, JEOPARDISE, LOSE their anointing?
- * Beware the perils of SIN, especially SEXUAL sin.

→ *What must have been going through David's mind as he wrote Psalm 51? Did he think he'd blown it? Had he blown it? What were the consequences?*

→ *What are the devil's tactics? Is it 'lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes or pride' for you? 'The gold, the girls or the glory?' Where are you vulnerable? How does he attack? Why is he frightened of the anointing?*

FOR US TODAY

A. SEEK the anointing

- * LEARN WHAT IT MEANS to be anointed.
- * Live FILLED: Pray for RAIN, draw from the WELL, harness the WIND, remember the OIL ... Hunger and thirst for the things of the Spirit.

→ *How can we seek the anointing? How do we get it? Can we increase in it?*

B. PROTECT the anointing

- * Guard your PERSONAL HOLINESS Don't fall headlong into the enemy's traps. He is clever, subtle and mean, but we have the Holy Spirit.
- * Cultivate that CORPORATE anointing: When God is in the room, the Spirit is on the move, like He's pouring out His oil.

→ *How can we cultivate that 'corporate anointing'? What role do key people like the preacher, worship leader and service host play? What are the benefits of that anointing?*

C. OPERATE in the anointing

- * ANOINTING = The special Holy Spirit ENDOWMENT of the GRACE, SKILL + AUTHORITY required to perform a mandated task. Could be to teach, lead worship, host Connect Groups, provide hospitality, creativity, counselling + prayer ministry, etc.
- * More than a NATURAL GIFT; an over and above Holy Spirit IMPARTATION / EQUIPPING (Zechariah 4:6)

→ *How can you tell the difference between someone operating in their natural gift or in the anointing? Why does that matter?*

- * It's easy to REVERT to what we're NATURALLY good at; but what we really need is the SUPERNATURAL PRESENCE + POWER of the Holy Spirit.