

Title: Origin of the Oil

Text: *"So early in the morning Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and **poured oil on the top of it.**"* (Genesis 28:18)

Target: The oil was never the source of the anointing; it just revealed it.

I. The Sacrifice of the Oil: "poured"

A. **Practical:** Everyday Commodity

1. **Healing:** Essential Oil
2. **Light:** Used for lamp stands
3. **Cooking:** Seasoning
4. **Preservation:** Used as a conditioner
5. **Currency:** Traded for goods

B. **Spiritual:** Divine Encounter

1. **Revelation:** *"Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it."* (Genesis 28:16)
2. **Separation:** *"How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of Heaven."* (Genesis 28:17)
3. **Consecration:** *"He called the name of that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first."* (Genesis 28:19)

II. The Sacredness of the Oil: From Bethel to the Tabernacle

A. **Oil=Anointed:** *"I am the God of Bethel, where you **anointed** a pillar and made a vow to me."* (Genesis 31:13)

1. **Earthly Language:** "Masah"-Smear, Mark, Spread *Messiah- "Masah" becomes the root word of this word.
2. **Heavenly Language:** Marked, Claimed, Ownership, Seal a boundary

B. **Oil was set-apart:** *"And you shall say to the people of Israel, 'This shall be my holy anointing oil throughout your generations. It shall not be poured on the body of an ordinary person, and you shall make no other like it in composition. It is holy, and it shall be holy to you.'"* (Exodus 30:31-32)

C. **Tabernacle/Tools/Furniture:** *"With it you shall anoint the tent of meeting and the ark of the testimony, and the table and all its utensils, and the lampstand and its utensils, and the altar of incense, and the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils and the basin and its stand. You shall consecrate them, that they may be most holy. Whatever touches them will become holy."* (Exodus 30:26-29)

D. **Priests:** *"You shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may serve me as priests."* (Exodus 30:30)

III. The Snapshot of the Oil: Bethel to Bethany

A. **Recognized as Savior:** *"And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head."* (Mark 14:3)

B. **Responded with Sacrifice:** *"She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial."* (Mark 14:8)

C. **Remember the Stone:** (Genesis 28)

1. Oil-Stone Vs. Oil-Jesus
2. God-Vision Vs. God-Flesh
3. Sacred-Place Vs. Sacred-Person
4. Anticipation Vs. Fulfillment

Takeaway: God anoints the common and makes it uncommon, ordinary to extraordinary, insignificant to significant.