

Title: The Empowerment of the Oil

Text: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Target: The Marking of the Oil in your life guarantees you have everything you need to do what God has called you to do.

I. Recognition of the Oil - Holy Spirit: *“Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”* (Vs. 7)

A. Not about Sight: *“appearance”*

B. Not about Stature: *“height”*

C. Not about Status: *“Then Jesse called Abinidab...and made Shammah pass by...then the Lord has not chosen these.”* (Vs. 8-11)

D. Not about Standing: *“Then Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Are all your sons here?’ And he said, ‘There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.’”* (Vs. 11)

E. All about Surrender: *“Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward.”* (Vs. 13)

Question: Where have you been tempted to measure your worth by outward markers (success, position, gifting, age, influence), and how has that shaped your identity more than God’s voice has?

- What has that done to your confidence or obedience?

Question: In what ways might you be “in the field” like David—faithful, unseen, overlooked—yet slowly becoming discouraged because no one notices?

- How do you respond when obedience feels invisible?

Question: What part of your heart is God asking you to fully surrender right now—not to earn His anointing, but to align with it?

- Is there anything you’re still protecting, managing, or hiding from Him?

Cross References

Psalms 51:6, 10–12 – God desires truth in the inward being

Isaiah 55:8–9 – God’s ways and thoughts are higher

Luke 16:15 – God knows the heart

1 Peter 5:6 – Humble yourselves under God’s mighty hand

II. Revelation of the Oil - Holy Spirit:

A. The Spirit Rushed: To come mightily upon, burst forth, advance powerfully

1. **Samson** (Supernatural Strength for Israel): Judges 14:6

2. **Saul** (Leadership of a Nation): 1 Samuel 11:6

B. The Spirit Clothed: To envelop like a garment for empowerment

1. **Gideon:** *“But the Spirit of the Lord clothed Gideon, and he sounded the trumpet,”*

(Judges 6:34) *Shielded with Strength

2. Zechariah: *"Then the Spirit of God clothed Zechariah..."* (2 Chronicles 24:20)

*Prophetic Authority

C. The Spirit Filled: To fill with empowerment, enablement to be equipped

1. Bezalel: *"I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship."* (Exodus 31:3)

D. The Spirit Came Upon: The presence of God being evidenced in the supernatural

1. Othniel: *"The Spirit of the Lord came upon him, and he judged Israel. He went out to war, and the Lord gave Cushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand."* (Judges 3:10)

Question: Which expression of the Spirit do you most resonate with right now—rushing, clothing, filling, or coming upon—and why?

- What does that reveal about the season you're currently in?

Question: Where have you been waiting for clarity before obedience, when God may be waiting for obedience before clarity?

- What step of faith feels risky but necessary?

Question: How are you currently relying on your own strength, talent, or experience instead of the Spirit's power?

- What would change if you truly believed God had already equipped you?

Cross References

Judges 14:6 – Samson: strength beyond self

Judges 6:34 – Gideon clothed with the Spirit

Exodus 31:3 – Bezalel empowered for skill and craftsmanship

Zechariah 4:6 – Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit

Acts 1:8 – Power to be witnesses

III. The Residence of the Oil - Holy Spirit: *"He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever...He dwells with you and will be in you."* (John 14:16-17)

A. Conviction of Sin: *"And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgement."* (John 16:8)

B. Clarity of Scripture: *"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you."* (John 14:26)

C. Courage when we need Strength: *"For God gave us not a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."* (2 Timothy 1:7)

D. Comfort in Suffering: *"Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words."* (Romans 8:26)

E. Conformity to Christ in Sanctification: *“But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.”* (Galatians 5:16)

F. Confidence in the place we are called to Serve: *“And when they prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.”* (Acts 4:31)

Question: Where do you sense the Holy Spirit convicting or refining you right now, and how have you been responding—resisting, ignoring, or surrendering?

- What would repentance look like in real terms this week?

Question: In moments of weakness, fear, or suffering, who or what do you turn to first for comfort?

- How might your spiritual life change if you trusted the Spirit’s presence more than your coping mechanisms?

Question: What area of your life needs greater boldness, confidence, or courage to live out your calling?

- How does knowing the Spirit permanently dwells in you reshape how you see that challenge?

Cross References

John 16:8 – Conviction that leads to life

Romans 8:11, 26 – Power and intercession in weakness

Galatians 5:16–25 – Walking by the Spirit

2 Timothy 1:7 – Power, love, and self-control

Acts 4:31 – Boldness through the Spirit

Takeaway: I have been chosen. I have been called. I have been consecrated to live in victory through it all. I live in power. I live in purpose. I live in His constant presence, for His name is above them all.

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