



Community Bible Church
Sermon Discussion Questions: Mar 19, 2023
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Title: Oily

Text: *“And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us.”* (2 Cor. 1:21)
“But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge.” (1 John 2:20)

Target: Your Anointing comes with an Appointing.

I. Understanding of the Anointing:

- A. The Meaning:** Symbolic of the Lord’s favor.
- B. The Materials:** *“It shall not be poured on the body of an ordinary person, and you shall make no other like it in composition.”* (Ex. 30:32)

Question #1: *Have you ever experienced this God-given anointing or “favor” in areas or moments of your life? Maybe you have seen a clear involvement of the Holy Spirit in a circumstance or conversation you had. What was that moment like, and what did God show you through your experience?*

II. Uniqueness of the Anointing:

A. Old Testament:

- 1. Leadership: Prophet, Priest, Kings.** (Lev. 8:12, 1 Kings 19:16)
- 2. Temple Items:** (Exodus 40:9, Lev. 8:10)
- 3. Health Purposes:** (2 Chronicles 28:15)

B. New Testament: *“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.”* (Acts 10:38)

- 1. Jesus Christ (Anointed One):**
- 2. Holy Spirit (Anointer):** *“God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.”* (Acts 10:38)
- 3. Sickness & Healing:** *“And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.”* (Mark 6:13)

Question #2: Several events, practices, and customs in the Old Testament foreshadow significance for the lives of modern-day believers. *What connections can we draw between the anointing in the Old Testament (Point A) and the anointing in the New Testament (Point B)? What is the significance of these connections for modern-day believers?* (Think through who is doing the anointing, what is being anointed, and the anointing's significance & purpose.)

- III. **Unlocking of the Anointing:** *“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. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.”* (1 Sam. 16:13)
- A. **Awareness of Gifts:** *“Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed.”* (1 Cor. 12:1)
 - B. **Activates the Gifts:** *“For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the Gift of God.”* (2 Timothy 1:6)

Question #3: In King David's day, people individually received the anointing of the Spirit of God. However, as followers of Jesus, we receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit when we put our faith in Christ. *How can we steward His anointing well? Why do you think God chooses to anoint His people rather than carry out His work single-handedly?*

- IV. **Usefulness of the Anointing:** *“But the anointing that you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as His anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in Him.”* (1 John 2:27)
- A. **Clarity of your Calling:** (Luke 4:18-19)
 - B. **Enabling by Empowerment:** (2 Timothy 1:7, Acts 1:8)
 - C. **Sense of Satisfaction:** (Hebrews 1:9)
 - D. **Building up of the Bride:** (1 Cor. 12:7, 1 Peter 4:10)

Question #4: Once you have received clarity of your calling, experienced empowerment, and developed a satisfaction of righteousness, *what steps can you personally take to invest your anointing into building up the Bride?*

Takeaway: The anointing is unleashed in a pursuit of Holiness.

Question #5: To experience the unleashing of the anointing, we must pursue Holiness in our lives. *What personal habits can you put into practice to develop this pursuit of Holiness? What personal habits do you have that conflict with a pursuit of Holiness?*