

*And if the bugler doesn't sound a clear sound, how will the soldiers know they are being called to battle? 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:8 NLV*

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PRAYER STUDY #169

## **ANOINTING REVISITED: DIVINE EQUIPPING FOR SERVICE**

*And thou shalt put them [the garments of the priestly office] upon Aaron, thy brother, and his sons with him; and shalt anoint them [Aaron and his sons] for glory and consecrate [sanctify -separate unto God] them, that they may minister unto Me in the priest's office.*

Exodus 28:40-41

*To be anointed* has two applications in scripture:

1. First, oil is poured upon people (including prophets, priests, kings, the Messiah) or objects (such as a stone in Genesis 28:18 and 35:14 or on the tabernacle furniture) to indicate that they have been set-aside for divine purpose. This symbolic act indicates that the person or object is being given divine enablement, power, authority, or licensure by the Holy Spirit.
2. All workers of the Gospel can receive a special empowerment, while speaking or ministering, from the Holy Spirit. Thus, literal oil is not used, but the Spirit which is often symbolized as oil, just comes down on a person as they are ministering or speaking or writing or prophesying, etc. The person becomes passive and the Spirit takes control. This is possible because we are joined to the Anointed One, Christ, and can share in His anointing (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 1:21-22: *Now He who establisheth us with you is Christ, and hath anointed us, is God, Who hath also sealed us and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.*

### **Three Special Anointings in Scripture**

- A. The Prophetic Anointing (1<sup>st</sup> Kings 19:16): The prophetic helps us understand the times in which we live and helps us prepare for what lies ahead. Since we most likely live at the end of the age and might possibly see the Kingdom of God fulfilled in completeness and the Second Coming of Jesus in our life time, it is very important that we have the prophetic anointing so that we can be prepared for what lies ahead.
- B. The Priestly Anointing (Exodus 29:1,7): This refers to reconciliation, worship, and intercession.

C. The Kingly Anointing (1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 10:1): This refers to government, rule, dominion, and authority. We need this anointing so that we can bring the Kingdom of God to earth so that eventually, *The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever.* (Revelation 11:15). This will happen only after the fulfillment of the following scripture: *The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool* (Psalm 110:1, Matthew 22:44, Mark 12:36, Luke 20:42-43, Acts 2:34-35, Hebrews 1:13, Hebrews 10:12-13) As I have often said, I believe that we will be used by the Father to make the enemies of Jesus His footstool, and we will thus bring the Kingdom of God to its total fulfillment with the coming of Jesus by starting to bring it incrementally where He has planted us in the work place and in the community and wherever we go.

Someone spoke of this Kingly Anointing: *David was the youngest of 8 brothers and was out tending sheep while his brothers, with the elders of the town, their father Jesse, and Samuel the prophet, were attending the sacrifice. Yet he was the one chosen by the Lord. The Lord said to Samuel, "...for man looketh on the outward appearance, by the LORD looketh on the heart"* (1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 16:7). *Immediately upon his anointing, the SPIRIT OF THE LORD came upon David from that day forward. This tells us that the kingly anointing seemingly comes based, among several other factors, on the following:*

1. *Our faithfulness in tending sheep or doing the behind the scenes jobs the Lord calls us to, until HE promotes us*
2. *Our heart condition*
3. *Our openness to the Spirit of the Lord.*

**Other Anointings (these are not the only ones in scripture but are two I want to highlight)**

1. The Leper Anointing: Leviticus 14 the leper was anointed on the 8<sup>th</sup> day after recovery from this disease. Eight being the number of new beginnings. This was an anointing for purification, not consecration. Leprosy is symbolic of sin. The leper had to stay outside of the camp until after he was anointed by the priest with blood. This blood was applied to the leper's ear (symbolic of the thought life), the leper's thumb (symbolic of the person's work life), and the toe (symbolic of one's walk in the Lord). After this, oil was applied, thus symbolizing the touch of the Holy Spirit upon a life cleansed by the blood of Jesus.

Thus, we are all leprous before coming to Jesus and receiving the purification anointing of His shed blood and the Holy Spirit.

2. The Breaker Anointing: Isaiah 10:20-27 *And it shall come to pass in that day (the Day of the Lord, which will include the destruction of all Gentile world power or the Babylonian World System, and which will culminate in the Second Coming of Christ in Glory) that the remnant (the Zion of God which is that company of Christians, found in many different churches, who have a passion for Jesus and long for intimacy with Him and His return) of Israel and such as escape the house of Jacob (both Israel and the house of Jacob are symbolic of the Church of the Living God) shall no more again lean upon him who smote them (the wicked one), but shall lean upon the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. The remnant shall return, even the remnant of Jacob, unto the Mighty God. For though thy people Israel be like the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them shall return; the full end decree shall overflow with righteousness. For the Lord God of hosts shall make a full end, even determined, in the midst of the land. Therefore, thus said the Lord God of hosts, O my people that dwell in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian (Assyria was a great center of Ishtar worship. The young girls dressed immodestly and stood on the steps of the temple to Ishtar so that they could seduce males to have sex with them. Technically virgins belonged to the priests of Ishtar and could not marry without losing their virginity. Assyria was also a place of brutality, bullying, and hostile threats, which resulted in captivity and oppression. This sounds like a lot like the spirit behind Hollywood to me!); he shall smite thee with a rod and shall lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of the Egypt (the world or flesh nature). For yet a very little while and the indignation shall cease and mine anger in their destruction (In a short time the Lord's anger against His people will be over, the Lord will say that is enough to the Assyrians and turn His anger towards them!). And the Lord of hosts shall stir up a scourge for him according to the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Orem; and as His rod was upon the sea, so shall He lift it up after the manner of Egypt. And it shall come to pass in that day that His burden shall be taken away from off your shoulders and His yoke from off your neck. (Just like Gideon defeated Midian and Moses turned the tables on Egypt, so the Lord will destroy the oppression and slavery of the Assyrians against Israel.) And the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing. (Spiritually, it is the anointing that breaks the yoke of the enemy off the Lord's people today.)*

**Why We Need the Anointing: To Carry Out the Purposes of the Church (from Kevin Conner's *The Church in the New Testament*)**

1. **Ministry to the Lord:** Psalm 29:1-2 *Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty; give unto the LORD glory and strength. Give unto the LORD the glory due His name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.*
2. **Ministry to the Saints:** Ephesians 4:11-12 *And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry for the edifying of the body of Christ...*
3. **Ministry to the Sinner:** Acts 1:8 *But ye shall receive power after the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*
4. **Ministry of Conquering Satan and his kingdom:** Revelation 12:10 *And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation and strength and the kingdom of God and the power of His Christ; for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, who accused them before our God day and night.*

WILL YOU BE Poured OUT

Will you be poured out like wine upon the altar for Me?  
Will you be broken like bread to feed the hungry for Me?  
Will you be so one with Me that I may do just as I please?  
Be My life, My light, My love, My Word fulfilled.

Yes, I'll be poured out like wine upon the altar for You.  
Yes, I'll be broken like bread to feed the hungry for You.  
Yes, I'll be so one with You that You may do must as You please.  
I'll be Your life, Your light, Your love, Your Word fulfilled.