

## Anointed for Purpose

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There is a specific event we see in the Bible again and again: **anointing**. Where **Anointing oil** was poured or smeared on someone's head.

- The oil was made of specific ingredients (Exodus 30:22–33). It wasn't special because of the ingredients themselves, but because **God chose to partner with it and use it**.
- The oil was a **symbol of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit**, and was **usually done to kings and priests as they began their ministry**.
- It marked a **very significant moment**—when someone was set apart, empowered, by the Spirit of the Lord

### 2 Corinthians 1:21–22

Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, <sup>22</sup> set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.”

### 1 John 2:20

“But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth.”

### 1. Our anointing means we are Made Holy and Set Apart

#### Exodus 40:9–15

“Take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle and everything in it; consecrate it and all its furnishings, and it will be holy. <sup>10</sup> Then anoint the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils; consecrate the altar, and it will be most holy. <sup>11</sup> Anoint the basin and its stand and consecrate them. <sup>12</sup> Bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance to the tent of meeting and wash them with water. <sup>13</sup> Then dress Aaron in the sacred garments, anoint him and consecrate him so he may serve me as priest. <sup>14</sup> Bring his sons and dress them in tunics. <sup>15</sup> Anoint them just as you anointed their father, so they may serve me as priests. **Their anointing will be to a priesthood that will continue throughout their generations.**”

#### Leviticus 10:1–3

“Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took their respective censers, put fire in them, placed incense on it and offered strange fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them. <sup>2</sup> And fire came out from the presence of the Lord and devoured them, and they died before the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Then Moses said to Aaron, ‘This is what the Lord said: I will be treated as holy by those who approach me, and before all the people I will be honored.’ So Aaron, therefore, said nothing.”

- Nadab and Abihu - lost reverence and respect for God and what was anointed like it was for common use. They forgot that the tabernacle and all its instruments were **set apart** for God.

- Just as the instruments in the temple were consecrated to God, **your whole body and life are consecrated to Him.**

### **Leviticus 10:8-10**

Then the Lord said to Aaron, <sup>9</sup> “You and your sons are not to drink wine or other fermented drink whenever you go into the tent of meeting, or you will die. This is a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, <sup>10</sup> so that you can distinguish between the holy and the common, between the unclean and the clean

### **1 Corinthians 6:17-20**

“But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit. <sup>18</sup> Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. <sup>19</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup> you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.”

### **Romans 6:13**

“Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.”

## **2. We are Anointed for a Purpose**

### **Isaiah 61:1-2**

“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, <sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn.”

### **Ephesians 2:10**

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, **that we should walk in them.**”

### **1 Samuel 13:13-14**

“You have done a foolish thing,” Samuel said. “You have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time. <sup>14</sup> But now your kingdom will not endure; the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people, because you have not kept the Lord’s command.”

### **Acts 13:22**

“After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: ‘I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.’”

- God finds those who are after His heart.

### **1 Kings 19:19–21**

“So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. <sup>20</sup> Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. ‘Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye,’ he said, ‘and then I will come with you.’ ‘Go back,’ Elijah replied. ‘What have I done to you?’ <sup>21</sup> So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.”

### **3. We are Anointed and Empowered to Fulfill That Purpose**

#### **1 Samuel 16:1, 6–13**

“The Lord said to Samuel, ‘How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.’ ... <sup>6</sup> When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, ‘Surely the Lord’s anointed stands here before the Lord.’ <sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.’ <sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, ‘The Lord has not chosen this one either.’ <sup>9</sup> Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, ‘Nor has the Lord chosen this one.’ <sup>10</sup> Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, ‘The Lord has not chosen these.’ <sup>11</sup> So he asked Jesse, ‘Are these all the sons you have?’ ‘There is still the youngest,’ Jesse answered. ‘He is tending the sheep.’ Samuel said, ‘Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.’ <sup>12</sup> So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, ‘Rise and anoint him; this is the one.’ <sup>13</sup> So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.”

#### **Acts 10:38**

“...how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.”

#### **Acts 1:8**

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

- Ask God continually to **fill you and empower you** to fulfill your purpose.
- Live expecting God to move through you.
- You are anointed and empowered to build His Kingdom