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Preface

There is nothing so important in this hour as for the Body of Christ to be full of the Word of God and full of the Spirit of God. The time has long since passed for following man-made plans and formulas. We need the Word of God in our hearts and the anointing of God upon our lives so we can prosper in everything we do. We need to stay in God's Presence and find...
out what the Head of the Church, the Lord Jesus Christ, has in mind, and then be sure to do it. God has not hidden from His people what He wants to do; it's all laid out in the New Testament. And it is only by following God's New Testament plan and being filled up to overflowing with God's Spirit that we will be equipped to participate in the revival in these last days and to bring Jesus the glory and honor due His Name. Also, if we follow God's New Testament plan for the Church, every believer will be able to take his place and fulfill his function in the Body of Christ. However, in order for believers to be able to do this, it is crucial that each one of us experience a fresh anointing. We are to be continually filled with God's Spirit so that we can be used by God mightily in these days to fulfill His will in our lives. God has made an abundant provision for His people to be filled up at all times with His Spirit, regardless of outward circumstances, so we can live unto His glory!

Chapter 1 The Anointing in the Old Testament

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High:
To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night,
Upon an instrument often strings, and upon the psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound.
For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.
O Lord, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep.
A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this.
When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; it is that they shall be destroyed for ever:
But thou, Lord, art most high for evermore.
For, lo, thine enemies, O Lord, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.
But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn: I SHALL BE ANOINTED WITH FRESH OIL.
Mine eye also shall see my desire on mine enemies, and mine ears shall hear my desire of the wicked that rise up against me.
The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.
They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing:
To shew that the Lord is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

— Psalm 92:1-15

This entire Psalm is a psalm of praise to God for His goodness. It begins by saying, "It is a GOOD thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High."

But notice particularly the latter part of verse 10: ". . . I shall be anointed with fresh oil." In the midst of praising God for His goodness, the psalmist said, "... I shall be anointed with fresh oil."

In Bible times, particularly in the Old Testament, men were set apart or consecrated to the sacred offices of the prophet, priest, and king by the anointing with oil. Oil is a type of the Holy Spirit. The anointing with oil symbolized that the Holy Spirit would come upon men or women to anoint them to stand in a particular office.

Holy Anointing Oil

When the Bible talks about the anointing with oil, it is referring to the actual olive oil along with its various spices and components that was used in Old Testament times to consecrate or set aside someone or something for a holy purpose. As we will see, a person was anointed to stand in a particular office or to render special service to God. Also, an object or a thing, for example, such as the Tabernacle and its furnishings were also anointed (Exod. 40:9-15). The anointing oil was holy oil and it was used to consecrate or set apart for holy purposes that which the Lord designated.

EXODUS 30:22-25; 31-33
22 Moreover the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,
23 Take thou also unto thee principal spices....
24 And of cressia . . . and of oil olive. . . .
25 And thou shalt make it AN OIL OF HOLY OINTMENT, an ointment compound after the art of the apothecary: it shall be AN HOLY ANOINTING OIL.....
31 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, This shall be AN HOLY ANOINTING OIL unto me throughout your generations.
32 Upon man's flesh shall it not be poured [that is, it shall be used only upon those whom the Lord designates to be set aside for His purposes, not for common purposes], neither shall ye make any other like it, after the composition of it: IT IS HOLY, and it shall be holy unto you.
33 Whosoever compoundeth any like it, or whosoever putteth any of it upon a stranger, shall even be cut off from his people.

The anointing oil was holy because it was a type of the
Spirit of God. After the anointing with oil, the Spirit of God would come upon the man of God to anoint him from that day forward to fulfill his office and to carry out God's plan for him on the earth.

Remember that in the Old Testament, people were not born again; therefore, the Holy Spirit could not live inside them, He could only come upon them to anoint them for service. However, under the New Testament, the Holy Spirit lives inside believers (John 14:16,17), and also comes upon those who stand in the fivefold ministry gift offices in order to equip them for service (Eph. 4:11,12).

We will see more about the anointing in the life of the believer as we progress in our study.

The Anointing for the Office of the Prophet

In the following scriptures, we see that the anointing oil was used to anoint Elisha to stand in the prophetic office. These particular scriptures also mention the anointing with oil for the office of the king, but for our purposes, pay special attention to the anointing with oil for the office of the prophet.

1 KINGS 19:15,16: 19-21
15 And the Lord said unto him [Elijah the prophet], Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:
16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou ANOINT to be PROPHET in thy room....
19 So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.
20 And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee?
21 And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

Then in Psalm 105:15, the Bible declares that God's prophets are anointed: "... Touch not mine ANOINTED, and do my PROPHETS no harm." God calls His prophets His anointed. Old Testament prophets were anointed by the Spirit of God to enable them to stand or function in that particular office.

The Anointing for the Priest's Office

The Bible also talks about the anointing with oil to equip men to stand in the priest's office.

EXODUS 29:4-7
4 And Aaron and his sons thou shalt bring unto the door of the
And thou shalt wash them with water.  
5 And thou shalt take the garments, and put upon Aaron the coat, and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breastplate, and gird him with the curious girdle of the ephod:  
6 And thou shalt put the mitre upon his head, and put the holy crown upon the mitre.  
7 Then thou shalt take THE ANOINTING OIL, and pour it upon his head, and ANOINT him.  

EXODUS 30:30  
30 And thou shalt ANOINT Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister unto me in THE PRIEST’S OFFICE.  

The Anointing for the King’s Office  

Then in First Samuel chapter 16, we see an example of a man of God being anointed to stand or function in the office of king.  

1 SAMUEL 16:1-8; 10-13  
1 And the Lord said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with OIL, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a KING among his sons.  
2 And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the Lord said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the Lord.  
3 And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt ANOINT unto me him whom I name unto thee.  
4 And Samuel did that which the Lord spake, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably?  
5 And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the Lord: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.  
6 And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the Lord’s ANOINTED is before him.  
7 But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth [Isn't that wonderful!]: for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.  
8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the Lord chosen this.... 10 Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The Lord hath not chosen these.  
11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.  
12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the Lord said, Arise, ANOINT him: for this is he.  
13 Then Samuel took the horn of OIL, and ANOINTED him in the midst of his brethren: and THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD came upon David from that day forward....  

Notice what God said about King David in the Psalms: "I have found David my servant; with my holy OIL have I ANOINTED him" (Ps. 89:20). It's the anointing of God which enables a person to stand in the office God has called him to. Also, as we see with David, after he was anointed, the Spirit of
the Lord came upon him from that day forward to enable him to stand in that office. (1 Sam. 16:13).