



THE ANOINTED ONES

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PREVIEW

God has anointed you so that you may be equipped for every good work—to resist evil, to know the truth, preach the truth, practice the truth, and be able to pray in truth. To be anointed simply means to be chosen. David wrote in Psalm 23:5, “You anoint my head with oil.” You are anointed of God.

PRAISE

Have you ever considered yourself to be an anointed Christian? Maybe you’ve thought that only certain people in ministry are anointed. Maybe you’ve considered that only the Old Testament prophets and the New Testament apostles were the anointed. No matter what you have or haven’t thought about the anointing of God, if you are a Christian, then you have received an anointing.

PARABLE

Have you ever seen those April Fools jokes where somebody will take a box of heavenly Krispy Kreme donuts, remove all of the donuts, and fill the box with vegetables and fruit? Can you imagine the disappointment of that coworker or classmate who is anticipating the sweet treats on the inside of the box, only to find that once the box is open, there’s nothing but stuff that your mom always says is good for you? This same principle applies to us as Christians. Since God has anointed us, those around us should see we are different on the outside; however, we must be careful not to become an April Fool Christian. The thoughts and intentions of the heart always should match the actions of our hands.

PRESENT

Do you know what it means to be anointed? According to Webster’s Dictionary, to anoint means to “rub oil or ointment on,” “to put oil on in a ceremony of consecration.” Therefore, to anoint something or someone is to apply something—in this case oil—to an object.

Most often, the term “anointed one” is used in the Bible to refer to a person who has received a special calling from God. There are many such individuals in the Scriptures, most often notable public figures such as kings and prophets.

King David, for example, is often described in the Old Testament as God’s “anointed one” (e.g., Psalm 28:8). David also used on a number of occasions a similar expression (“the LORD’s anointed”) to describe King Saul (e.g., I Samuel 24:1–6). King Solomon, David’s son, used the same expression to refer to himself in II Chronicles 6:42.

In each of these situations, the “anointed one” being described was a regular person who had received an extraordinary call or blessing from God. This gives me hope because it means regular people, just like you and me, have the potential to do great things for God because we have been anointed.

Maybe you've been anointed with oil in a prayer service, or when someone has prayed over you for healing. Maybe you've even done the anointing. Then again, perhaps the idea of anointing with oil is foreign to you. Whatever the case, anointing is found frequently in the Bible.

Prophets were anointed. I Kings 19:16 (NIV) says, "Also, you shall anoint Jehu ... king over Israel, and anoint Elisha ... to succeed you as prophet."

Priests were anointed. Exodus 40:13 (NIV), says, "Then dress Aaron in the sacred garments, anoint him and consecrate him so he may serve me as priest."

Kings were anointed. I Samuel 16:3, 13 (NIV) says, "Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate. ... So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him [David] in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power."

The sick were anointed. Mark 6:13 (NIV) says, "They ... anointed many sick people with oil and healed them."

Objects were anointed. Leviticus 8:10 (NIV) says, "Then Moses took the anointing oil and anointed the tabernacle and everything in it, and so consecrated them."

For what purpose were all these people and things anointed? Prophets were anointed to be able to proclaim God's word. Priests were anointed to carry out their duties of worship and sacrifice. Kings were anointed so they could rule. People were anointed for healing. Objects were anointed so they could be set aside for holy use.

PRACTICE

I John 2:27 says, "But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him."

This verse confirms that you have been anointed by Jesus Christ. Because of the anointing, you have the ability to receive divine wisdom and understanding beyond your years. The anointing will make you a better student. The anointing will make you a better friend. The anointing will help you navigate through difficult times in your life. The anointing will make you a better Christian.

Anointing isn't just for show; it's not a potion to the prayers you pray or the extra mojo for your next song or lesson to teach. The anointing was and is much more than that. We will look into how the anointing can revolutionize your life in our next lesson.

PRAY

Jesus, I thank You that You have called me to fulfill Your purpose according to Your plan, and You have anointed me to do great things. Help me not to take for granted this calling and this anointing, and let me live my life fully committed to You. Let my outside actions align with my inside thoughts. Let me be a student who is not afraid to live for You and be the light that You have called me to be. In Jesus' name, amen.

PLUS

If time allows, pass out donuts to correlate with the lesson today and talk about the importance of outside actions aligning with inside thoughts. Here are some leading questions:

1. How can you spot someone who is a fake?
2. What are the dangers in being a fake Christian?
3. In what ways can we be real Christians every day?
4. Where can I go in those times when I am having difficulty living out my faith?
5. How can I apply what I heard today to my life in the coming days?

Always remember to remind your club of the next date/time of your meeting!