



THE ANOINTED ONES

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PREVIEW

In I Samuel 16:13, the prophet Samuel took oil and anointed David, a teenager like you and me, as the next king of Israel. From this moment forward, David's life was set on a path that would take him from a shepherd to a king. This process did not happen overnight, but because he was anointed, he had the patience to wait on God's plan, and God saw him through life's toughest battles.

PRAISE

Waiting is a part of life. Most normal people HATE waiting. Some people go to amusement parks for the food and not for the rides, because 9/10 the wait time for food is much shorter than the wait time for rides.

PARABLE

According to a recent survey, here is how long the average American waits:

- 20 minutes a day for the bus or train
- 32 minutes whenever they visit a doctor
- 28 minutes waiting in security lines whenever they travel
- 13 hours annually waiting on hold for customer service
- 38–50 hours annually waiting in traffic

Americans spend a combined 37 BILLION hours waiting in line. Waiting is certainly a large part of life.

PRESENT

Read I Samuel 16:13. In this text, David was anointed early in life. David needed this anointing to endure what would happen through the course of his victorious but often chaotic life. The battles, betrayal, sin cover-ups, fleeing, second-guessing, flesh-feeding, soul-stirring path of his not only would be an example of what to be and what not to be, but we would see the merciful hand of God. Many scholars believe David wrote Psalm 23 toward the end of his life, as a memoir from the author and a parable to the reader, like a reflection, a manifesto, or a lengthy modern-day Facebook post.

David understood his sheep needed to be anointed every day for several reasons: to counteract insects, to help reduce conflict, and to heal/prevent infection. We will briefly discuss how the anointing helped with bugs in this lesson, and the next two lessons we will deal with how the anointing helped reduce conflict and heal/prevent infection.

Sheep are particularly susceptible to flies landing on their noses. These flies travel up the sheep's nose and lay eggs, which then turn into worms

that can burrow into the animals' brains. This drives the sheep crazy and they will try to get rid of the irritation by banging their heads against hard objects, which can kill the sheep. To prevent this, each day the shepherd pours oil on the sheep's noses, and the flies slide out instead of flying in.

I don't know about you, but I certainly have a lot of daily irritations buzzing around my head—rude actions, bothersome comments, pesky mishaps. Some of those get in my head and cause negative thoughts—angry, fearful, sinful thoughts. And if I allow them to burrow deeper into my mind, they become part of my life and can destroy me.

But I have a Good Shepherd, and He promises if I come to Him every day, He will anoint my head with oil. I can come back to him many times a day, and I do! In prayer, I bring the Shepherd all the little irritations and bothersome thoughts that cause me discomfort before they can gain a foothold in my mind. Sometimes the oil is found in the waiting, between the time when God speaks to me until I see a promise come to pass.

PRACTICE

We've seen how sheep need to be anointed to stay healthy. The anointing oil has a specific scent that is a deterrent to the bugs; the bugs cannot stand the smell of the oil. It's the same way with the things that bug you. Think about it: what kind of things bug us as humans? (Depression, fear, inadequacy, low self-image, etc.) When I let God's anointing cover and flow through me, these bugs can no longer reside within or even near me. They will die off if I do not rush the process God is taking me through.

PRAY

Lord, You are a gracious God. You know my struggles, You know my trials, You know my weaknesses, and You know my failures, but You love me through it all. You love me when the bugs overtake my life and I find myself beating myself up for mistakes and failures. Your anointing flows fresh over me and washes me clean. I thank You that Your blood washes me when I come boldly to Your throne of grace. Give me strength to overcome the small things in life. Your grace is sufficient for me. In my time of weakness, you are the strongest. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

PLUS

If time allows, pass out donuts or some other treat and talk about the importance of outside actions aligning with inside thoughts. Here are some leading questions:

1. What are some advantages or disadvantages of owning a fake product (fake AirPods, fake Oakleys, basically any "knock-off" product)? (Possible answers: costs less, looks like the real thing, makes people think you have expensive items, poor quality in the long run, have to be replaced sooner than real products)
2. How can you spot someone who is a fake?
3. What are the dangers in being a fake Christian?
4. In what ways can we be real Christians every day?
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!