



THE ANOINTED ONES

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PREVIEW

In I Samuel 16:13, the prophet Samuel took oil and anointed David as the next king of Israel while he was just a teenager like you and me. This week we will discuss how the anointing will help prevent conflict and preserve unity among believers in Jesus Christ.

PRAISE

Listen to about five minutes of Hezekiah Walker's "I Need You to Survive" and remember the lyrics for later.

PARABLE

There is a video being shared on Facebook concerning two antelopes that were fighting. They were locked in battle, heads to the ground, unaware of an approaching lion. They were so engrossed in the fight that they didn't start running away until the lion literally broke up the fight. The caption of the video said: "As long as we are fighting our own, we won't see the real enemy coming."

PRESENT

We have seen how David anointed his sheep every day to help with several things: to counteract insects, to help reduce conflict, and to heal/prevent infection. In today's lesson, we will discuss how the anointing can assist us through the battles of life and the fact that, just as the song says, you and I need each other to survive.

Sheep are notorious head-butters. Rams especially will butt heads with one another to gain position and establish a dominance hierarchy. A shepherd knows his sheep will clash sometimes and he can't prevent it, so he puts oil or grease on their heads. When they clash, their heads glance off one another without doing much harm.

Our Good Shepherd knows we can't always avoid disagreements, but praying with and for one another is one way we can keep from harming each other when we butt heads. The enemy of our soul would love to harm us, and we often make his job easier when the battles we choose to fight are with those within the church.

Many battles with our brothers and sisters are not worth fighting. The anointing will prevent conflict as well as minimize the harm incurred if we find ourselves in battle. We need united youth groups, united churches, united homes, united families, and united schools.

PRACTICE

The pyramids of the Giza Plateau are possibly the most famous structures in the world. The pyramids had great social meaning when they were built. Every household in Egypt sent workers, grain, and food to contribute to this colossal project. The final

step in the building program was to place a gold-plated capstone on top of the pyramid. The capstone signified that the monumental project was finally finished, and it was a time for dancing and singing as the entire nation celebrated completion of the national project.

In this sense, it was the pyramids that built Egypt rather than the other way around. The pyramids unified the nation in the service of one great and monumental achievement. We all can learn from this example. Unity derives from a shared vision and common purpose. Just as there were great differences among all those Egyptian workers, so there may be great differences among us. However, when we focus on a common task and goal, the unity and the achievements of unity can be great. When those times do arise that we do not see eye to eye, the anointing provides the buffer that allows us to avoid unnecessary conflict.

PRAY

Jesus, I thank You that You have placed me among the members of the body of Christ. We are better together. We are stronger together. Your Word says that a threefold cord is not easily broken. Let us never take for granted the precious gift of unity. Give us the strength to resist temptation to hurt those in our lives with words. Let us build each other up, and not tear each other down. Thank You for Your anointing in our lives. Let us continue to bring into unity our homes, our school, and our community as we work with one mind and one accord. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

PLUS

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