



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 heal wounds in our lives.

PRAISE

Does anybody have any scars from an injury in the past? If it is appropriate, see if anyone would like to tell the story about how they got their scar or about how they were injured in the past.

PARABLE

We all have suffered some sort of physical injury, whether it was from a sports accident, a car accident, or maybe even done by our own hands. Injuries leave scars. Scars usually do not hurt but they are reminders of a traumatic event in our lives. For some, scars bring back feelings of humor. For others, scars bring back painful memories. The anointing takes what is painful and turns our pain into purpose.

PRESENT

Sheep live outdoors—with barbed wire fences, thistles, rocks, sticks, insects, and predators. It's not a kind, gentle setting. Even the greenest pastures have hazards. So shepherds will check their sheep each day, sometimes morning and evening, to look for wounds that need attention. Adding oil to the wound brings healing.

Similar to the sheep, we too live in a dangerous world, and we suffer wounds, sometimes daily. One of the worst sayings from childhood is “sticks and stones may break my bones, but words CAN never hurt me.” Well, that's just not true; words CAN and DO hurt us. They cause wounds that can go much deeper than physical sticks and stones. Wounds that only the Good Shepherd and the balm of Gilead can heal.

In the ancient world, balm was a substance known for its medicinal properties. The territory of Gilead was famous for its production of balm, typically derived from the resin of balsam trees. This balm was exported mainly to Egypt and Phoenicia. Today the expression “balm of Gilead” is applied to the healing that is found in Jesus Christ.

Each of us is wounded by all kinds of things. Jesus is attentive to all our wounds—physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual. Daily, honest communication with Jesus is the best way to find healing. The anointing, the balm of Gilead, will heal you, mend you, and restore you. David said, “He restoreth my soul.” Your healing won't come by any other means outside of Jesus Christ.

We are His sheep, and He is our Shepherd. We must choose to be chosen of Him, branded by Him, anointed by Him, for Him.

PRACTICE

Read Matthew 22:14. The United States Army has had many recruitment slogans, but the one from 1950–1971 stands out. It is “Choice, not Chance.” Serving in the oldest branch of the United States Military was and is a CHOICE, not CHANCE.

As it is with being anointed, it's by choice, not by chance. David chose to serve as a shepherd before serving as a king. He chose to be found by God through the prophet Samuel. It wasn't by chance. With you it isn't by chance either. Your miracle isn't by chance. Your ministry calling isn't by chance. It's by choice.

God chose you two thousand years ago on a hill called Calvary, but you get to choose Him today in salvation. Water baptism in His name, and the infilling of His Holy Spirit, as declared in Acts, isn't simply entrance to His kingdom; it is the sealing of His power and anointing on us.

PRAY

Jesus, thank You for taking stripes on Your back over two thousand years ago so I can walk in healing today. There is nothing I have been through that You haven't felt Yourself. You took all pain and guilt and torment upon Yourself when You gave Your life for mine. Thank You for loving me and caring enough about me to remind me today that my wounds will never outmatch Your love. I am hopeful today, Jesus, that You are going to use my story for Your glory. Thank You for hearing me when I pray, and thank You for loving me and healing me. Let my life be a reflection of You, a life full of hope for a sinner saved by grace. In Jesus' name.

PLUS

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