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## Declaring the whole counsel of God Bulletin – Article 8 – July 15, 2024

# THE ANOINTING

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***“But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things”***  
**1John 2:20**

Let us find out some things about the anointing.

### **In the New testament**

The Greek word for ‘anointing’ is *chrisma*, and means: unguent [ointment], smearing. It is used metaphorically in the New Testament for a *chrism* [endowment] of the Holy Spirit. It comes from the Greek verb, *chrio*, meaning to smear or rub [with oil implied]; it means to consecrate.

Christ is the Anointed of God; He is the anointed One. The Son of God is anointed with the *oil of gladness* (**Heb.1:9**). The anointing that we have received from Him, renders [makes] us holy, separated to God. The anointing that we have received enables us to possess the truth and to do many other things by the anointing, which comes from the Holy Spirit.

### **In the Old Testament**

In the Old Testament, the Hebrew is *shemen*, and interestingly this word comes from the primary root, meaning, ‘to shine’. *Shemen* is mainly translated as ‘oil’ and sometimes as ‘ointment’. It is used in important ways such as Jacob anointing the stone as a memorial to the revelation he had received of the house of God (**Gen.28:18**); it was used in the appointment of office bearers, such as priests (**Ex.29:7**), and kings (**2Ki.9:6**).

The anointing was referred to as the *“oil of gladness”*; as the *“oil of joy”* to replace mourning (**Isa.61:3**). There was also an anointing with *“fresh oil”* (**Ps.92:10**), and **Zechariah** refers to the *“sons of fresh oil”* or *“the two anointed ones”* (**Zech.4:14**).

The *shemen* was used as a preservative on leather; it was used in cooking, in medication and burned for light. It also referred to a special kind of perfume.

The anointing oil that was prepared for use in the Tabernacle of Testimony was prepared in a very special way and was made up of five components: liquid

myrrh, sweet smelling cinnamon, sweet smelling cane, cassia and olive oil. It was used to anoint the furnishings of the Tabernacle and Aaron and his sons. The anointing oil was holy (Ex.30:22 -31).

### **The anointing comes from God via the Holy Spirit**

*“Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who has also sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee”* (2Cor.1:21-22). Jesus said, *“The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me”* (Lu.4:18a). The brethren praying in Acts 4:27, said *“for truly against your Holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed.”* Jesus was anointed by God.

Peter preaching in the house of Cornelius testified, *“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him”* (Acts 10:38). The anointing of the Spirit gave Jesus the power to do the works of the ministry.

### **The anointing empowers to witness**

Jesus told the disciples *“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me”* Acts 1:8. Jesus said something similar in Luke 24:48-49, *“And you are witnesses of these things. Behold I send the promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”* The anointing of the Spirit enables us to witness, that is, to speak of Jesus; to preach His word.

The anointing releases signs of power, which are to accompany the preaching of the word: Mark 16:17-18 *“And these signs shall follow those who believe: in My name*

- *they will cast out demons;*
- *they will speak with new tongues;*
- *they will take up serpents;*
- *if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them;*
- *they will lay hands on the sick and they will recover.*

### **The anointing breaks the yoke**

*“It shall come to pass in that day that his burden will be taken away from your shoulder, and his yoke from your neck, and the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing [NKJV says because of the anointing oil]”* Isa.10:27. The anointing that God gives through the Holy Spirit removes the burden and destroys the yoke of demonic oppression from God’s people. This is the basis of deliverance ministry: knowing the power and authority of the anointing that God gives us through Jesus Christ to remove the burden of oppression, destroying the devil’s yoke.

*“For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the spirit of adoption [sonship] by whom we cry out Abba Father”* Rom.8:15. When we are released into the Holy Spirit’s placement of us into that place of being

sons to the Father, there is a breaking of the yoke of being driven as a servant and being released into the freedom enjoyed by sons.

### **The anointing enables ministry**

Jesus read from the book of **Isaiah** and declared ***“The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me because He has anointed me”*** (Lu.4:18a). Jesus declared that the anointing of the Spirit of the Eternal One enabled Him to do six wonderful works of ministry:

- ***To preach the gospel to the poor*** – to speak the word of God
- ***To heal the broken hearted*** – those who are broken inside
- ***To proclaim liberty to the captives*** – freedom from sin
- ***Recovery of sight to the blind*** – giving revelation and understanding
- ***To set at liberty those who are oppressed*** – deliverance from depression and oppression
- ***To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD*** – righteousness, peace and joy in God’s kingdom.

***“Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit, for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life”*** 2Cor.3:5-6. It is God by the Spirit, by the anointing, who enables us to minister the new covenant.

### **The anointing teaches us the truth**

***“But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him”*** 1Jn.2:27.

The anointing of the Holy Spirit that God has given to each one of us, is a teaching anointing. It is not that we do not need teachers, but it is the anointing of God within us that enables us to hear and understand the word. Jesus ***“opened their understanding that they might comprehend the Scriptures”*** (Lu.24:45).

Jesus said of the Holy Spirit, ***“He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you”*** (Jn.14:26). Again He said, ***“When He the Spirit of Truth has come, He will guide you into all truth”*** (Jn.16:13).

John said the anointing ***“is not a lie”***; that the anointing ***“teaches you concerning all things”***. The anointing within us gives us discernment. We can discern if someone is speaking lies – the anointing within us teaches us the truth. Thank God for His anointing.

It is the anointing within us that enables us to test the spirits (1Jn.4:1). ***“Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God”*** (1Jn.4:2-3).

## The anointing abides

*“But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in us ... and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him” (1Jn.2:27).* The indwelling of the Holy Spirit by His anointing enables us and causes us to abide in the Anointed One, who is Christ.

Jesus [Yeshua] speaking to us as the Great I AM through Moses said, *“I will never leave you nor forsake you” (Heb.13:5 & Deut.31:6);* and again the Psalmist says, *“The LORD is my helper I will not fear. What can man do to me?” (Heb.13:6 fr. Ps.27:1, 118:6).*

When Jesus gave us the Great Commission in **Matthew 28:18-20**, He said, *“And lo, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”* As we obey Jesus and make disciples, Jesus will always be with us. How is He with us? By the anointing of the Spirit who abides in us, and teaches us to abide in Him, the Anointed One.

The anointing that each one of us has received, abides with us. If you have received a wonderful anointing in the past, then you can by faith stir up that same anointing to be active and prominent in your life now. It is easy to settle in a Christian lifestyle and not have that active, abiding presence of the Lord working in us and through us.

## The anointing can be imparted

Jesus at His baptism received the Holy Spirit without measure. The Spirit remained with Him, and from the time of His baptism, Jesus was fully led by the Spirit (**Lu.4:1**). Then in the synagogue of Nazareth Jesus proclaimed *“The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me because He has anointed Me” (Lu.4:18a).* Jesus did the great works by the anointing of the Spirit. When He sent the disciples out, He imparted to them the anointing of the Spirit to enable them to cast out devils and to heal the sick (**Lu.10:17, Matt.10:1 & 8**). They went out under His anointing.

In my own experience, I can say that one can operate under the anointing of another. Even the disciples operated under the anointing of Jesus. It was not until the Day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came, that the apostles received the anointing into their own lives. There came a time in my life when God released the anointing of the Spirit in me so that I could minister to others. It was not the anointing of some great man of God that I had met, but it was the anointing of the Spirit in my own life. I was then able to minister to others by the power of that anointing.

When we are filled with the Holy Spirit we can then seek Him for the anointing that we need for ministry. One way of doing this is to **earnestly desire spiritual gifts (1Cor.14:1)**. When you sense that God has released a gift in you, then you are able to minister to others.

The other way that you can receive the anointing is through the **laying on of hands**. Paul refers to this in his letter to Timothy, *“I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands” (2Tim.1:6).*

## ASPECTS OF THE ANOINTING

### A fresh anointing

In Psalm 23 David said *“You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over”* (v.5b). David had been through a rough time, *“the valley of the shadow of death”* (v.4a). Then he found the Lord’s table and received a fresh anointing. There is a fresh anointing available for us today.

### Anointing for healing

James said, *“Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord”* (Ja.5:14). The anointing is imparted through the elders, using oil, and the anointing breaks the yoke of sickness. This is how the Lord works.

### The curse of sin

The lack of anointing was a curse. God warned His people that if they did not keep His word there would be no yield of the olive tree and *“you shall not anoint yourself with oil; for your olives shall drop off”* (Deut.28:40). The lack of anointing is a serious problem, and according to this verse, it is because we have been disobedient to God.

### The result of Judgement

In Micah God said *“You shall sow, but not reap; you shall tread the olives but not anoint yourselves with oil”* (6:15). This was the Lord’s judgement for Israel’s injustice. The lack of anointing is a sign of judgement.

### Anointed to wash in the pool called ‘Sent’

Jesus anointed the blind man’s eyes with clay, and then sent him to wash *“In the pool of Siloam [which is translated, Sent]”* (Jn.9:6-7). The man obeyed Jesus and came back seeing. It is interesting that the word *sent* is the Greek word *apostello*, from which we get the word *apostle*.

In the letter to the church in Laodicea, Jesus told them *“anoint your eyes with eye salve that you may see”* (Rev.3:18c). Paul prayed for us to be granted *“the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him”* (Eph.1:17).

### Mary anointed Jesus

The anointing of Jesus by Mary is referred to specifically in the Gospels. Mary anointed Jesus. How amazing is that! Is it possible for us to be as an **anointing** to Jesus today, by our devoted behaviour, knowing who He is and fully blessing Him through the conduct of our lives.

### Anoint yourself

It is possible to *“anoint yourself.”* Jesus told us to do this when we fast, *“so that you do not appear to men to be fasting”* (Matt.6:17-18).

Naomi instructed her daughter-in-law Ruth to “*wash yourself, and anoint yourself, and put on your best garment*” (Ruth3:3). Naomi was instructing Ruth as to how to present herself to Boaz, presenting herself as one who would become his bride. What did she say to do?

- ❖ **Wash yourself:** the washing can refer to the “*washing of water by the word*” (Eph.5:26), so that the church can be presented a glorious bride (v.27); it can refer to the “*washing of regeneration*” (Titus 3:5); it includes the washing of baptism (Acts 22:16).
- ❖ **Anoint yourself:** it is “*God who anoints*” (2Cor.1:21); the anointing is by the Spirit (Lu.4:18a); each one of us has “*an anointing from the Holy One*” (1Jn.2:20). God gives us an anointing: that is the truth; so receive the anointing by faith, and thank God for it.
- ❖ **Put on your best garment:** “*Put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him*” Col.3:10. Jesus told us to “*Buy from Me ... white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed*” (Rev.3:18). We need the linen garments of the priest who is able to enter in and minister to the Lord.

*The Bible says that God has given us an anointing.  
We have brought out some things  
that we have found about the anointing.  
There is much more teaching in the Bible about the anointing.*

*Let us pursue the anointing that God has released in us and to us;  
let us value His anointing and always treat Him as Holy in the  
midst, as He does His works through us.*

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