

Say YES to His Call: A Fresh Anointing

Dabbed or Saturated?

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Psalm 92:10 (NKJV)

Who Are You, And What Are You Doing Here?

A Study of the Anointing is Inspiring!

WHO: Prophets, Priests, and Kings were anointed to carry out their call

WHY: the act of anointing carried two functions:

a. The anointing was **TRANSFORMATIVE** for **IDENTITY**

- After being anointed, their fundamental identity was transformed.
- That identity included a consecration to their Divine call to function for God’s purposes.

King Saul – 1 Samuel 10:1, 6, 10-11

Prophet Elisha – 1 Kings 19:16; 19-21

- That identity also galvanized their call to live out God’s goodness, righteousness, and holiness.

b. The anointing was **EMPOWERING** for **ASSIGNMENT**

- We are all subject to falling into the habit of functioning on the basis of our own drive ... our own strategies ... our own charisma ... our own leadership influence/authority.
- There are lots of resources available to help you do the call on your own but we know that if we fail to abide in Him ... if we function apart from His anointing ... our efforts are diminished, and our personal resources dry up.

When was the last time you felt the anointing? When was the last time you received the freshness of His favor?

The OT model was an anointing rather *superfluous*; ours is *demure*! We *dab* – they *poured*! The symbolism of Aaron’s anointing is inescapable, as pictured in ...

“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron’s beard, down on the collar of his robe.” Psalm 133:1–2 (NIV)

What is the “status” of our anointing? Are we dabbled, dried up, or saturated?

Let’s look at Jesus’ anointing, and our inclusion in that experience ...

Jesus Shares His Anointing With Us

a. Jesus **Identified** With His “Spirit Baptism”

- Jesus’ water baptism and the dove – more than symbolic
- The Spirit’s abiding presence was transformative in that Jesus moves from being a carpenter to functioning in His messianic calling ...

“The Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: ‘You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.’” Luke 3:22 (NIV)

- The Spirit drives Jesus into the desert.

“Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness ...” Luke 4:1 (NIV)

- Jesus overcomes temptation in the power of the Spirit and returns from His conquest over the enemy *in the power of the Spirit*.

“Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.” Luke 4:14 (NIV)

- Jesus’ reading of Isaiah was not just positional, it was experiential!

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Luke 4:18–19 (NIV)

b. Jesus **Shared** His “Spirit Baptism”

- We don’t read that Jesus spoke in tongues – He didn’t need to. He was never encumbered by His flesh. He never prayed outside of God’s will. He never didn’t have the mind of the Lord. His language was the language of heaven!

“When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases ...” Luke 9:1 (NIV)

- He has done NO LESS for us!

Jesus Shares His Gospel Ministry With Us

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1. **Fourfold Gospel** is Observed in Jesus’ **Anointing**:

a. **Spirit Baptism** – “the Spirit of the Lord is upon me...”

- There are a lot of great books, podcasts, and training events that resource us well ... there is nothing that can match the anointing

b. **Salvation** – “He has anointed me *to preach the gospel...*”

A few things about this Gospel for the 21st century:

- ◆ We **HAVE** to **SHOW it** – *living the gospel is the best sermon/witness*
- ◆ We have to **TELL it** – *articulating the gospel through spoken witness and proclaimed message is God’s plan!*
- ◆ We **can’t CHANGE it** (*dilute, adjust, alter*) to fit culture or circumstance
- ◆ We **can TRUST it** – *God will save those who place their faith/trust in Him*

- ◆ *We have to **LEAVE THE RESULTS TO GOD and the individual** – although we feel responsible to proclaim ... and see results ... the matter is up to God. Feeling overly responsible will lead to errors in doctrine and theology.*

c. **Healing** – “heal the broken-hearted, recovery of sight to the blind, liberty to the captives and oppressed ...”

- ❖ EMOTIONAL healing
- ❖ PHYSICAL healing
- ❖ DELIVERANCE for spiritual bondage

d. **Coming King[dom]** – “proclaim the acceptable *year of the Lord’s favor*”

2. **Fourfold Gospel** Is Seen In Jesus’ **Sending**:

“When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.” Luke 9:1–2 (NIV)

“After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go.” Luke 10:1 (NIV)

- The essential elements of Jesus’ ministry identified in Luke 4:17 (from Isaiah 61:1-2) are detected in Luke 9: Spirit empowerment, healing/deliverance, preaching [the gospel] and the kingdom of God – the fourfold gospel, both in personal experience, proclamation, and ministry.

“The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written ...” Luke 4:17 (NIV)

“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn,” Isaiah 61:1–2 (NIV)

Jesus Rejoices In Effectiveness With Us

“At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, ‘I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.’” Luke 10:21 (NIV)

a. “The seventy returned with joy...” {10:17}

- Why – the anointing brought effective ministry.
- *When was the last time you paused to celebrate your anointing?*
 - ❖ Don’t wait until everything is perfect – you’ll never celebrate!
 - ❖ “God STOPS” (Savor The Observable Presence) – Beth Moore, *Believing God*

b. “In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit...” {21}

- Jesus celebrated the ministry done through the 12 & 70 ... Why – because He witnessed the effectiveness of delegated authority; shared anointing.
- Think about it – Jesus celebrates us ... Jesus celebrates the kingdom work accomplished through us (healings, deliverances, wholeness, fruitfulness, etc).
- There is joy in heaven over one lost person coming to Christ.

“I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.”
Luke 15:7 (NIV)

- ... Not over crowds or church attendance
- ... Not over more followers on Facebook or online audiences
- ... Not because we have a great reputation in our community
- ... Not because of a new or remodeled building

- All of these things have their place – but none of them compare to the lost being found, the Gospel being proclaimed, broken people being restored and made whole, and living in anticipation of Christ’s return.

I love strategy – one of my favorite activities is dreaming, getting a vision, being creative, and setting a dream into motion. I believe that when we pray and God gives us a vision and a plan, a strategy will grow and emerge. It **MUST** if the vision is to become a reality.

Without the spade work of prayer – without the empowerment that accompanies the anointing, *our* plans are just that ... our plans.

We need THE anointing!

“The tragedy of this late hour is that we have too many dead men in the pulpits giving out too many dead sermons to too many dead people ... we could well manage to be half as intellectual (of the modern pseudo kind) if we were twice as spiritual. Preaching is a spiritual business ... Unction is God’s knighthood for the soldier-preacher who has wrestled in prayer and gained the victory ... When the hammer of logic and the fire of human zeal fail to open the stony heart, unction will succeed ... With all thy getting— get unction, lest barren altars be the badge of our unctionless intellectualism.”
(Ravenhill, Why Revival Taries, Chapter 1)

Let’s seek HIS Face!

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The horn was both a symbol and a functional. It’s function was a receptacle in which to store oil. But the symbol was power. (Mess with the bull – you get the horn!) Power was behind the horn ... fresh oil – we all need refreshed.

Let’s Pray!

Jesus shares His anointing

Jesus shares His Gospel ministry with His disciples, past and present

Jesus rejoices in our fruitfulness, in our effectiveness, in doing gospel ministry