

Anointing with Oil



536) What is meant by the "anointing"?

- A. The literal meaning of anointing is "to smear or rub with oil." When someone was "anointed" with oil, it was frequently poured over their head.

"How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! [2] It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes."

PSA 133:1-2 NIV

537) What were the three types of anointing?

- A. Daily or ordinary anointing.
1. Anointing with oil was part of daily grooming.
 2. It was proper etiquette when entertaining a guest.
 3. It was part of the preparations for burial.

"He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate - bringing forth food from the earth: [15] wine that gladdens the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread that sustains his heart."

PSA 104:14-15 NIV

"But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, [18] so that it will not be obvious to men that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

MATT 6:17-18 NIV

"Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. [45] You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. [46] You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet."

LUKE 7:44-46 NIV

"She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my

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burial."

MARK 14:8 NIV

- B. Anointing was used when men were consecrated for service.
1. Kings, prophets and priests were anointed when they were ordained to serve in their office.
 2. The Hebrew word "Messiah" and the Greek word "Christ" means "the anointed one." The Messiah was Israel's long awaited deliverer.

"Anoint Aaron and his sons and consecrate them so they may serve me as priests."

EXO 30:30 NIV

"The LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. [16] Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet."

1KINGS 19:15-16 NIV

"Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler comes, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble."

DAN 9:25 NIV

- C. Anointing was used for the purpose of physical healing and deliverance.
1. Jesus anointed the sick and instructed the disciples to do so as well.

"Having said this, he (Jesus) spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on (anointed, KJV) the man's eyes."

JOHN 9:6 NIV

"They went out and preached that people should repent. [13] They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them."

MARK 6:12-13 NIV

"Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. [15] And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven."

JAMES 5:14-15 NIV

538) What do we mean when we say a person is "anointed."

- A. When we say a person is "anointed," we mean they are set apart and empowered by the Holy Spirit to accomplish what God is calling them to do.
- B. Their natural abilities and spiritual gifts are strengthened and enhanced by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.
- C. There are two levels of anointing:
1. An anointing for service. This anointing comes with God's call and remains on the person until God's purpose is complete.
 - a. "Pastor is anointed to lead this church."

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2. An anointing, or unction, that manifests itself during preaching or ministry. This anointing is said to "fall" and "lift." It can be "missed" by inattention to the Holy Spirit or by waiting too long before we act. The most productive ministry takes place when we "flow" with it. It can be "strengthened" through worship and praise or it can be "broken" through carelessness.
 - a. "About half way through his sermon, the anointing fell and the entire church was overcome and began to weep over their sins."
 - b. "There was an awesome presence of God during worship, but it was broken when the deacon announced the next church supper."

"They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: 'By what power or what name did you do this?' [8] Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: 'Rulers and elders of the people!'"

ACTS 4:7-8 NIV

"how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him."

ACTS 10:38 NIV

"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."

EPH 4:30 NIV

"Do not put out the Spirit's fire; [20] do not treat prophecies with contempt."

1THESS 5:19-20 NIV

539) What is the spiritual significance of anointing with oil?

- A. Anointing with oil is a spiritual act or ceremony where oil is placed on the head or forehead before prayer is offered. That prayer can be for healing, deliverance, consecration for service, or ordination to an office within the church.
- B. It is also possible to anoint items or articles that are set aside for God's use.

"Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on Saul's head and kissed him, saying, 'Has not the LORD anointed you leader over his inheritance?'"

1SAM 10:1 NIV

"I have found David my servant; with my sacred oil I have anointed him."

PSA 89:20 NIV

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"When Moses finished setting up the tabernacle, he anointed it and consecrated it and all

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its furnishings. He also anointed and consecrated the altar and all its utensils."

NUM 7:1 NIV

540) What does the oil symbolize?

- A. The Holy Spirit's presence and empowering is symbolized by the oil.
- B. When oil is placed or poured on an individual, it is a physical representation of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon their lives to accomplish the work they were called to do.

"So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power. Samuel then went to Ramah."

1SAM 16:13 NIV

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, [19] to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

LUKE 4:18-19 NIV

541) Is the power of the anointing in the oil?

- A. No. The power of the anointing is in the presence of the Holy Spirit. The oil is a "point of contact," something we can focus our attention on as God does the work.
- B. Faith is what touches the heart of God.

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JAMES 5:14-15 NIV

"What do you want me to do for you?" "Lord, I want to see," he replied. [42] Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you."

LUKE 18:41-42 NIV

"He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed [10] and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk."

ACT 14:9-10 NIV

542) Is anointing with oil the only way I can receive healing?

- A. No. It is one of many different ways healing can take place. (See Chapter 29, Divine Healing & Deliverance.)

543) Why are we to call for the elders when we desire to be anointed with oil for healing?

- A. Not all sickness is simply physical in nature. If we harbor sin or unforgiveness in our heart it can be responsible for the sickness or our inability to recover from a sickness when prayed for.

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1. If we hold unforgiveness against a person (even ourselves) God won't forgive us and we will remain under the burden of that sin.
- B. When we call for an elder (a member of the five-fold ministry) to anoint us with oil, it is his job not only to pray, but also to discern our spiritual condition. If the illness is related to sin, we must repent and deal with this sin so we can be free from the infirmity.
 1. If you suffer from an illness that is brought on by stress (fear) and the sin of unbelief is not dealt with, the illness will return.

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"Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. [13] And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.' [14] For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. [15] But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."

MATT 6:12-15 NIV

"Some men brought to him a paralytic, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven." [3] At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, "This fellow is blaspheming!" [4] Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? [5] Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? [6] But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...." Then he said to the paralytic, "Get up, take your mat and go home." [7] And the man got up and went home."

MATT 9:2-7 NIV

"They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them."

MARK 6:13 NIV

"Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you."

JOHN 5:14 NIV

"Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. [28] A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. [29] For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. [30] That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep."

1COR 11:27-30 NIV

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Homework for Chapter 36

Please answer the following questions from the textbook in full sentences and return to your Group Leaders next week.

- 4) List three types of anointing.

- 5) What do we mean when we say a person is anointed?

- 6) Explain where the healing comes from when we are anointed with oil.

- 7) Why do we call for the elders when we need to be anointed with oil for healing?
