

The Anointing of The Spirit Purposeful and Powerful

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What is your view of the Church (yourself as a part) in the world today? Do you see it as a powerful force for change in the lives of people or as a weak non-threatening institution that has seen better days? It is my hope that today you will come to understand in a renewed way that the anointing of the Spirit is both *purposeful* and *powerful*. It is with and by this anointing that we, the Church of the living God, the body of the Lord Jesus Christ, have power to advance against the gates of hell and effect change!

1.) The Anointing of Jesus Christ.

The act of anointing was significant of consecration to a holy or sacred use; hence the anointing of the high priest (Ex. 29:29; Lev. 4:3) and of the sacred vessels (Ex. 30:26). The high priest and the king are thus called "the anointed" (Lev. 4:3, 5, 16; 6:20; Ps. 132:10). Anointing a king was equivalent to crowning him (1 Sam. 16:13; 2 Sam. 2:4, etc.). Prophets were also anointed (1 Kings 19:16; 1 Chr. 16:22; Ps. 105:15).

CHRIST—Anointed, the Greek translation of the Hebrew word rendered "Messiah", the official title of our Lord, occurring 514 times in the New Testament. It denotes that he was anointed or consecrated to his great redemptive work as Prophet, Priest, and King of his people. He is Jesus the Christ (Acts 17:3; 18:5; Matt. 22:42), the Anointed One. He is thus spoken of by Isaiah (Isa. 61:1), and by Daniel (Dan. 9:24-26), who styles him "Messiah the Prince." ***The anointing of Christ Jesus is both Purposeful and Powerful.***

Luke 4:18-21 "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, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, ²¹and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." (Comp. Isaiah 61:1)

➤ The anointing is purposeful = anointed me *to* preach, proclaim, recover, release

Isaiah 10:27 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.

Acts 10:38 . . . 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.

Mark 3:11 Whenever the evil spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God."

➤ The anointing is powerful = went doing, lifting burdens (sin, guilt, shame), recognizable by the enemy.

Hebrews 1:9 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy." (comp. Psalms 45:7)

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Hebrews 12:2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

- The anointing is not burdensome = the joy

2.) The Anointing of the Church (God's people).

2 Cor. 1:21-22 Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, **22** set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

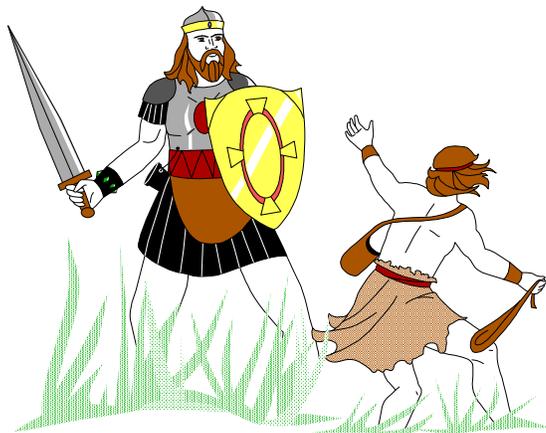
1 John 2:20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth.

1 John 2:27 As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in him.

- The anointing is yours = us, our, you

Matthew 16:18 (KJV) **And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**

Galatians 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. (comp. Isaiah 10:27)



1 Samuel 17:32-37 David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him." **33** Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a boy, and he has been a fighting man from his youth." **34** But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, **35** I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. **36** Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. **37** The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you."

- **The anointing is purposeful** = preach, proclaim, recover, release
- **The anointing is powerful** = lifting burdens (sin, guilt, shame)
- **The anointing is not a burden** = light, joy

The powers (gates) of hell can not withstand you!

Ephes. 3:20-21 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, **21** to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.