

# HOLY ANOINTING OIL: RUBBED OUT AND RUBBED IN

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The anointing of the Holy Spirit is the character of Christ formed within the believer. Nothing is accomplished in God's Kingdom with out this holy anointing oil. The Apostle Paul told the church at Galatia that he travailed in birth until Christ, the anointing, was formed in them. Growing in the anointing is a process; it is a series of bitter and sweet experiences that develop the anointing oil upon our lives. One of the greatest Old Testament examples are the three anointings of King David. He was first anointed by Samuel then after many years of preparation he was anointed by the men of Judah. Lastly, after a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David he was anointed of King of all Israel. The first anointing upon his life was much weightier than the crown he would bear. Salvation is progressive and in the process we receive many anointings.

The priesthood in the Old Testament experienced three types of anointing; the anointing oil was poured on, it was smeared on, and last it was rubbed in. There were several ingredients in which the oil was made. The first ingredient myrrh was used to embalm people. When God plans to anoint us He will first have to kill some things in us that will hinder us from receiving fresh anointings. This myrrh was a sticky substance extracted from a tree, it was not appealing to the naked eye, it was not spectacular to look upon and it was very bitter to the taste. When God calls you to a purpose He will also anoint you to fulfill that call. Everything set apart for sacred service has to be anointed but our journey into these fresh anointings is nothing spectacular, or desirable to anyone of us. Though myrrh was bitter to the taste when thrown down, stepped on, and crushed it released the most heavenly fragrance. The more it was battered, bruised

and beaten the more powerful the fragrance became. In this hour the Lord desires to anoint His people, releasing His glory and power to us and through us. Though the process may be bitter sweet we must trust Him through the process knowing the end result will be a sweet fragrant anointing in our lives. The crushings we are presently experiencing will release an aromatic anointing and fragrance that will overcome ever unpleasant and undesirable environment. This is much like the anointing upon Jesus as He stepped into the graveyard where Lazarus was buried and the fragrance of heaven overcame the spirit of death. Remember that the greater the crushings, the greater the anointing will be.

In my many years of ministry, I have been able to discern men and women who have been through breakings and great crushings, they carry a true anointing that is like the fragrance of the myrrh branch. Many in our day desire the anointing but aren't willing to pay the price. On the cross they offered Jesus myrrh mixed with wine to ease the suffering. This concoction of myrrh and wine was used as a form of medicine to eliminate much pain but Jesus refused it and willingly endured his cross for the anointing that was set before him. People want it the easy way, sedating the pain, in an attempt to avoid the process. Let me encourage you, if you are presently going through sufferings, hold on and hang in there, God will get glory out of your suffering. Refuse the easy way out, and keep your eyes on the prize, the anointing that is set before you.

The three levels of the anointing: poured out, smeared on and rubbed in speak to us of the process and levels of the anointing of the Holy Spirit. The church at large has experience the pouring out of the Holy Spirit, very few go further and experience the smearing in and

rubbing in. When the anointing is poured on a believer it can wear off in a short time. We have seen this with many conversions in the body of Christ. People have come to Christ as the Spirit is poured out but after a period of time if the anointing is not smeared in and rubbed in they fall back into their old ways. If we truly desire to be used by God we must allow the Holy Spirit to rub this Holy oil, penetrating our hearts, and changing our lives with Christ's character. At times we may feel like God is rubbing us out and He is! He is rubbing out the old so that He can rub in the new. He must increase that we may decrease. As His anointing is worked deep within our lives it is an abiding anointing that the Apostle John spoke of. This is where the Holy Spirit is leading His church at this present hour, where we can carry the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit within our daily lives and not just come in contact with it in our Spirit filled meetings. At this time the Lord is forming the Spirit of

the Son within the hearts of every pursuing and passionate believer. In the words of the Apostle Paul, I reckon the present sufferings are not worthy to be compared to the glory that will be revealed through each and every one of us. This Holy Spirit anointing is the connector and channel between heaven and earth. It is the bridge between God and man. This third anointing that we are presently experiencing is a corporate anointing that is empowering us to live beyond human restrictions and limitations.

Let us follow that pattern of our Lord and Savior who coming out of His wilderness, having the oil rubbed in Him, declared; *"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, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*



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