

AN OINTED

*The power to perform
your purpose*



1 Sam 16:1-13

1 Now the Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have provided Myself a king among his sons."

2 And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." But the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.'

3 Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; you shall anoint for Me the one I name to you."

4 So Samuel did what the Lord said, and went to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, "Do you come peaceably?"

5 And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice.

6 So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before Him!"

7 But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

8 So Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one."

9 Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one."

10 Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these."

11 And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all the young men here?" Then he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here."

12 So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!"

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

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There are three things truths about God's anointing that I want you to see in this story.

1. God anointed kings to co-reign with Him over Israel.

God chose Israel to be His people. They were the only nation on earth that He chose to be His people. He made a covenant with them. He agreed to be their king and they agreed to obey Him. He promised if they obeyed Him, He would bless them and if they disobeyed Him, He would curse them.

The nation of Israel was divided into twelve tribes. Each tribe was ruled by a group of elders. What united the 12 tribes was their worship of Jehovah in the tabernacle at Jerusalem and following the law of Moses.

When one or more of the twelve tribes would reject the law of Moses and drift into idolatry, God would judge them by allowing them to be defeated and enslaved by their enemies. When the people would repent of their sin and cry out to God, God would raise up a judge to deliver them.

This cycle went on for many years. Finally, the tribes decided they needed a king to unite them. God gave them what they desired. The king was supposed to rule in a way that pleased God. The king was given his own personal copy of the law of Moses and was supposed to follow the laws of God in the way he ruled the people.

God first gave them king Saul. Saul did not have a heart to please God. God rejected Saul and told the prophet Samuel to anoint David to be their king.

God had Samuel anoint David to co-reign with God over Israel.

God anointed kings to co-reign with Him over Israel.

2. God anointed David to be king of Israel because of the condition of David's heart.

God did not choose David because of his physical stature. God anointed David because God saw he was a man after His own heart.

1 Sam 13:10

But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the Lord has commanded him to be commander over His people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you."

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To be a man after God's own heart meant that David's chief ambition in life was to discover what God wanted and do what pleased Him.

David was not a perfect man, but his heart was set on pleasing God. David committed some serious sins. But he repented and never repeated them like Saul did. He was a man after God's own heart.

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3. God's anointing of David gave David power to do what God called him to do.

David was anointed to be Israel's king when he was just a boy. The scripture says that the Holy Spirit came upon Him from that day forward. As a boy, David killed a lion and a bear to protect his father's sheep. As a boy, he could drive away evil spirits with music on his harp. As a boy, he defeated the giant Goliath. As a young man, he led the army of Israel to win every battle they fought against much larger armies. David won incredible battles against all odds with the help of just a few mighty men. When he became king, he expanded the borders of Israel to fulfill God's promise to Abraham. Israel became the most powerful nation in the world.

David's feats are incredible, but David could have never accomplished what he did apart from the anointing of God on his life. God's anointing on David supplied the power David needed to fulfill God's purpose.

What does the anointing of David mean to the church of Jesus Christ?

1. Like David, we are anointed by God to be kings.

We are chosen to co-reign with Jesus.

The first man and the first woman were created to be co-rulers with God and have dominion on the earth.

Genesis 1:26-27

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

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They lost their dominion because of their sin. They believed they had a better way to live besides the way they were given by God. They assumed God's authority to determine how they should live.

Jesus is the second Adam who came to restore what the first Adam lost. When we receive Jesus, we are chosen to rule and reign with Jesus.

Revelation 5:8-10

8 Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

9 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

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We do not know what that reign will look like in eternity. But we know what it looks like now.

We are anointed by God to co-reign with Him as kings over our soul. We are anointed by God to co-reign with Him as kings over our bodies. The power of sin and Satan over us has been broken. Husbands and wives are anointed by God to co-reign with Christ as kings over their families. Elders are anointed by God to co-reign as kings with Christ over the church. If you own a business, you are anointed by God to co-reign with Christ over that business. If you run a ministry, you are anointed by God to co-reign with Christ over that ministry. If you own a home, you are anointed by God to co-reign with Christ over your home.

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2. Like David, we are anointed by God to be kings because of the condition of our hearts.

When we receive Jesus as our personal savior, He gives us a new heart.

Ezekiel 36:26-27

26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

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The moment we receive Jesus, our spirit is united with the Holy Spirit. This union creates within us a new heart. The laws of God are written on our hearts. We become men and women after God's own heart. The chief ambition of our hearts is to please God. God can trust us like He trusted David because He knows our heart.

Like David, we will never be fulfilled living any other way. Like David, we will be miserable if we make sinful choices. Like David, we will repent.

This change of heart makes it impossible for us to continue in sin. Like David, we will not live perfectly. We may commit some very serious sins; once.

But we will not be like Saul who continued in sin.

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3. Like David, we are anointed by God to be kings with the power to do what He has called us to do.

To rule and reign with Christ is an incredible responsibility. But like the Holy Spirit came upon David from the day he was anointed by Samuel, the Holy Spirit came upon us the day we received Jesus.

God does not expect us to rule and reign with Christ in our own power. David's feats are incredible, but David could have never accomplished what he did apart from the anointing of God and the power of the Holy Spirit. God's anointing on David supplied the power David needed to fulfill God's purpose. God wants to do the same for us.

God wants our life to be just as unexplainable as David's through the power of the Holy Spirit. If God gives us 50 years to rule and reign with Him, our life should be marked with stories that can only be explained by the power of God.

The greatest stories of God's power should be the disciples that we make. If God gives us 50 years to rule and reign with Him, there should be a many people that would say they are now experiencing God's anointing and God's power because of us. God has given us His power to fulfill our purpose.

Our legacy can be far greater than David's legacy. The truth is if we reach one soul with the gospel this year, our legacy of God's power working in us and through us will be greater than David's.

Like David...

- We are anointed by God to be kings.
- We are anointed by God to be kings because of the condition of our hearts.
- We are anointed by God to be kings with the power to do what He has called us to do.

In just a few moments, we are going to partake of communion. By partaking the communion, we are remembering...

- The covenant that Jesus has made with His church.
- The sacrifice that Jesus made to establish the covenant.
- The mission that Jesus has given us to share the covenant with others.

Before we partake of the communion would you answer these questions.

- Are you a member of the covenant? Have you received Jesus as your personal savior and Lord? Have you received the new heart that God's promises to all those who receive Jesus?

Will you receive Jesus right now and follow Him in baptism?

- Are you ruling and reigning with Christ?

Over your soul?

Over your body?

Over your marriage and family?

Over your finances?

Over your business?

Over your home?

Do you need to be transparent with God right now about some way that you have failed to rule and reign with Christ?

- Are you experiencing the power of the Holy Spirit in your life?

Are you depending upon the power of the Holy Spirit for His power to fulfill God's purpose for your life?

Are you trusting God for His power or are you trusting in yourself?

David's dependence upon the Holy Spirit is preserved for us to read in the Psalms. David was always getting alone by Himself with God in prayer and worship. He was honest with God about his struggles. But he depended upon God and God blessed Him with His power to fulfill His purpose.

Will you depend upon God for His power? Will you start setting aside time to be alone with God and cry out to Him the way David cried out to Him?

- Are you viewing yourself as a pauper rather than as a king co-reigning with Christ?

Are you insecure in who you are?

Are you letting feelings that you are insignificant rule your soul rather than the truth of who you are in Christ?

Are you allowing the devil to fill your mind with thoughts that you are a loser and that you will never win?

Will you stand on the truth today that you are anointed by God to rule and reign with Christ?