

God has a Powerful Anointing for You

Consider: He gives His anointing to accomplish a specific **purpose**.

King Saul is an example to us. God gave King Saul a powerful anointing. The purpose was to care for His people Israel, to further the Kingdom of God, and to lead the nation into a mature and stable Theocracy. What did Saul do with His anointing? He used it to try to establish and protect himself and his own family. Jealous and envy was one of the open door whereby the enemy became involved in Saul's anointing.

He was jealous and envious of David. God gave David to Saul to help him. The Lord started to use David as a mighty warrior and could have been Saul's right-hand man. But Saul couldn't stand for someone close to him being successful. Because of jealousy Saul worked against David, and by that worked against God, and tried to kill David. He wanted Jonathan to take the place of David. But that was not God's plan. Saul continued to try to manipulate the events in his life until he went so far as to consult the Devil through a witch. It was all because he had received a powerful anointing.

As a result Saul lost it all. And, he brought great judgment upon himself, his family and to Israel. And, his bad testimony continues to this day. It's for our warning.

Samson is an example to us. God gave Samson a powerful anointing. The purpose of the anointing was to judge Israel. In the days of Samson everyone did what was right in their own eyes. There was no central government. There was little concern for the will of God. It was a time of terrible spiritual declension. Samson could have been a key figure in the plan and will of God to turn all of that around.

But what did Samson do? He used the anointing God gave him to fulfill his own sensual desires. He became involved with the Philistines — the enemies of God and of Israel. He did that through wanting a woman, who was a Philistine. When he started down that road, he still had the anointing, and could kill a lion with his bare hands, he could do many powerful acts. But in the end he was so far from God that he did not even know that God had departed from him. He thought he could go among the Philistines because he had a powerful anointing — he was sure, no matter what a bad situation he got himself into — the anointing would get him out of it. And for a time that is what happened.

Where did Samson end up and what was his condition? Think of it, Samson, a man anointed with a powerful anointing to lead Israel into maturity and an awareness that they were a Theocracy. But where is he — blind, captured by the enemy, the plaything of the Philistines, powerfully anointed — but now without power. God in His mercy gave him his final request and he died among his enemies. His bad testimony is our warning.

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And so you want a powerful anointing?

God wants to give you a powerful anointing. But there is a purpose that He has in mind for you to accomplish by that anointing. It is a daily purpose and a life-long purpose. But, if you use that anointing for your own selfish and proud purposes — you will destroy the meaning of your life, bring great damage into the lives of those close to you, and to the testimony of the Lord Jesus.

The Devil will want to get involved in your anointing so he can limit what you do for God and to turn your power to accomplish some of his own desires. He did that for King Saul and he did that for Samson. Do you think you are big enough, wise enough and powerful enough to escape his infiltration into your life?

Yes, God has a powerful anointing for you. And, some of us here can pray for you and God may give you that anointing. However, if you are already settled and established in your own selfish and self-centered way of living — nothing will happen when we pray. The simple reason is that God is not going to waste His power and He is not going to give you something that you will turn to your own harm, the hurt of those about you, and the damage of His reputation.

If you are willing to surrender to God, allow Him to cleanse you and break you, then it may be that He will give you His powerful anointing. You may be in that condition now. If so, then the Lord may want to anoint you.

There may be some of you who have received that anointing. And, you may have squandered, or are squandering that anointing for your own proud and self-centered purposes. You may be using your powerful anointing in anger, bitterness, and jealousy — trying to prove you are right and put others down. Or you may be using your anointing to prove to yourself that you don't have to clean up some of the bad things that you have done in your past. You are using your ability to justify yourself. You may be thinking, "If I can do these good things and God blesses through me — then it shows I'm in good shape with Him and don't have to deal with the garbage in the past." Let me remind you how Saul and Samson both performed tremendous feats when they were clearly out of the will of God. What characterized both of them? They both failed to correct the bad things they did, and they both continued on in their self centered way — right down the road into judgment — and the road was powerful until almost the end.

If that is our condition then you are aware of a still small voice within that you may be trying to silence, and you may be aware that you are not as powerful in prayer and ministry as you used to be. This may be the day of mercy and grace for you. It may not be too late. I cannot promise you anything except the mercy of God. I would counsel you to throw yourself at His feet in confession and repentance. Ask Him to lead you into a thorough repentance so you can be broken and cured of your self-centeredness, pride, self-righteousness, and the despising of others.

I want to tell you the plan God has in mind, and the powerful anointing He has for you so you can accomplish that plan.

The one plan of God is to exalt Jesus Christ.

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