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The Anointing
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We know from the scriptures and by experience that by our own strength we are limited but from the bible we understand that we have the Holy Spirit with us that it rests upon us and dwells within us. The Holy Spirit is the teacher of the Lord and is the power of God and puts us in a place that we have the availability of God to us and working in us where we are not confined to our ability.

Luke 4:18-19 (KJV)

¹⁸ The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

¹⁹ To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Without the anointing you will not be able to accomplish what God has called you to do. This is not just for the ministry gifts it is for any vocation God has called you to accomplish. You will have to have God's anointing to do it in a greater measure of fullness.

Acts 10:38 (KJV)

³⁸ How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

It takes the anointing of God resting upon you for you to accomplish what God has called you to do.

Anointing means to cover, envelope, a mantle resting upon you, to rub, daub, paint a surface, smear or overshadow.

The Holy Spirit is to paint us, smear us with himself and change us completely and entirely.

Judges 6:34 (AMP)

³⁴ But the Spirit of the Lord clothed Gideon with Himself and took possession of him, and he blew a trumpet, and [the clan of] Abiezer was gathered to him.

Isaiah 10:27 (KJV)

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.

A biblical definition of the anointing would be the burden removing, yolk destroying power of God.

In a practical aspect we may pray, Lord help us to do to the best of our ability. There is nothing wrong with that but we have a greater ability available than our own ability. When we think of the Holy Spirit resting upon us and dwelling within us it would be a greater prayer of faith to say, Lord help me to flow and do according to *your* ability. This brings the super in contact with the natural, so it's the supernatural. Then there can be outstanding results when we allow the Holy Ghost to rest upon us and paint us with himself.

There are biblical examples of people who allowed the Holy Ghost to take possession of them in their natural affairs of life. The Holy Ghost is for EVERYONE wherever you are serving God.

Ezra has found favor with Artaxerxes the king and because he was bold about how the hand of the Lord was on him (another term for the anointing) and the people. Ezra is getting ready to take a group back from Babylonian captivity back to Jerusalem. There are going to be carrying a large sum of money and what is amazing is that the money was given back to Ezra and the people to take back and rebuild in Jerusalem after he had them in captivity.

Ezra 8:21-23 KJV)

²¹ Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance.

²² For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him.

²³ So we fasted and besought our God for this: and he was intreated of us.

God delivered them out of all the thieves and robbers during their journey.

Ezra 8:25-28

King James Version (KJV)

²⁵ And weighed unto them the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, even the offering of the house of our God, which the king, and his counsellors, and his lords, and all Israel there present, had offered:

²⁶ I even weighed unto their hand six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels an hundred talents, and of gold an hundred talents;

²⁷ Also twenty basons of gold, of a thousand drams; and two vessels of fine copper, precious as gold.

²⁸ And I said unto them, Ye are holy unto the Lord; the vessels are holy also; and the silver and the gold are a freewill offering unto the Lord God of your fathers.

This was 25 tons of silver, vessels of silver was 3 ¾ tons, 3 ¾ tons of gold, 20 gold bowls which would be 18-20 pounds, 2 vessels of red copper that was as valuable as gold. Ezra was considering asking the king to send soldiers to protect them but he had been telling the king all along how God would take care of them and deliver them. In some of the scriptures that followed the above it was spoken of how the hand of the Lord was upon them. That was the ability and the anointing. When they arrived in Jerusalem it was ALL accounted for.

1 Kings 18:46 (KJV)

⁴⁶ And the hand of the Lord was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

He outran the king's horses for 16-17 miles across the plains of Jezreel and that is supernatural for a man to outrun a horse like that, but the hand of the Lord, or the anointing, was upon him.

There will be different seasons in your life when you will sense a special anointing of God on your life to do something that is spectacular. When that is accomplished the special anointing will be lifted.

This is one account of Elisha after he had received the double portion of anointing of Elijah. Israel is in trouble and the king had petitioned Elisha and told him he needed a word from him. Elisha told him that if it wouldn't have been for King Jehoshaphat that he wouldn't regard his presence but because he was he told him he would.

2 Kings 3:14-15 (KJV)

¹⁴ And Elisha said, As the Lord of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee.

¹⁵ But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the Lord came upon him.

There are times anointed music brings God's presence.

For the Old Testament prophets the anointing rested upon them, but for the New Testament the anointing dwells and resides in. We are never without the anointing. There are times it will rest upon you to cause you to function and do certain things at certain times that need to be done in ministry, but it always resides within you.

John 14:17 (AMP)

¹⁷ The Spirit of Truth, Whom the world cannot receive (welcome, take to its heart), because it does not see Him or know and recognize Him. But you know and recognize Him, for He lives with you [constantly] and will be in you.

We need to welcome the presence of the Holy Spirit. It needs to become a habit in all we do.

There were false teachers coming into John's disciples teaching false doctrine and they didn't even recognize Jesus was the Christ. They were of a wrong spirit. John is addressing this.

1 John 2:20 (AMP)

²⁰ But you have been anointed by [you hold a sacred appointment from, you have been given an unction from] the Holy One, and you all know [the Truth] or you know all things.

When you were born again you were anointed by the Holy Ghost. You have the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is a teacher.

John 14:26 AMP)

²⁶ But the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, Standby), the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will cause you to recall (will remind you of, bring to your remembrance) everything I have told you.

1 John 2:27 (AMP)

²⁷ But as for you, the anointing (the sacred appointment, the unction) which you received from Him abides [^a permanently] in you; [so] then you have no need that anyone should instruct you. But just as His anointing teaches you concerning everything and is true and is no falsehood, so you must abide in (live in, never depart from) Him [being ^b rooted in Him, knit to Him], just as [His anointing] has taught you [to do].

Sometimes people use, *[so] then you have no need that anyone should instruct you.*, in order to not come to church or need anyone to teach them.

Ephesians 4:11-12 (AMP)

¹¹ And His gifts were [varied; He Himself appointed and gave men to us] some to be apostles (special messengers), some prophets (inspired preachers and expounders), some evangelists (preachers of the Gospel, traveling missionaries), some pastors (shepherds of His flock) and teachers.

¹² His intention was the perfecting and the full equipping of the saints (His consecrated people), [that they should do] the work of ministering toward building up Christ's body (the church),

What point he was trying to make was that they should have known when false doctrine was coming their way.

The true anointing will never lead us away from the things of God, it will lead us to the things of God. Amen.

How can you or I have an outward manifestation of His presence in our life?
Ask.

Exodus chapter 33 is an account of Moses being frustrated because the people were not listening to him.

Exodus 33:12-14 (KJV)

¹² And Moses said unto the Lord, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight.

¹³ Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people.

¹⁴ And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.

Moses had been told what to do and that was to bring the people out of captivity and take them into the Promised Land, and he started to do it, and then became frustrated. Many times when we start to be obedient to what God wants us to do we forget about God's presence or that we have been smeared with the third person of the trinity. We start working out God's plan and purpose into the practical areas and aspects we begin to encounter the giants or difficulties of life and then we begin to question God. This is what Moses was doing. God told him that He would go with him and give him rest.

Exodus 33:15-23 (KJV)

¹⁵ And he said unto him, If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence.

¹⁶ For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? is it not in that thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth.

¹⁷ And the Lord said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name.

¹⁸ And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory.

¹⁹ And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.

²⁰ And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.

²¹ And the Lord said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock:

²² And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by:

²³ And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.

Moses learned quick. Moses came to the point that he knew he couldn't do it in his own strength.

The anointing will separate you from people that are not anointed in relationship with supernatural ability. People looking on the outside may be saying it can't be done but Jesus is saying on the inside you can and will.

How did Moses get the anointing and presence of God on him to carry out the will of God? He asked for it. Moses pursued it and asked for it. God allowed Moses to see his glory.

Moses asked. We can ask.

Elisha asked.

2 Kings 2:9 (KJV)

⁹ And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, **Ask** what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

Ask for a greater manifestation of God's anointing. There will also be a greater responsibility.

This came to pass by asking.

Acts 4:29-31 (KJV)

²⁹ And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,

³⁰ By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

³¹ And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Don't forget the simplicity of asking in faith.

James chapter one speaks of it.

1 John 2:27 (AMP)

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If you are born again the Holy Ghost is on the inside of you abiding in you. Our responsibility is to abide in Him. Stay hooked up.

Father, right now in Jesus name I pray that everyone would have a freshness blessed God of the Holy Ghost a fresh anointing in their lives and Father I pray the gifting you have gifted them with would be multiplied the double portion in Jesus name. And in times past when words have come rather sparingly I thank you they would be like a faucet and just real proficiently again again and again in Jesus name. I pray for everyone who needs a word from God and you

got one if you listen but God maybe has another word for you. I pray those words come also. People be encouraged, people renew their commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ. In Jesus name.