

BFF354 Anointed Priests

Scott Moore: Welcome to the "Building Faith Families" podcast with Steve Demme. I'm your host, Scott Moore. Thanks for joining us today. Good morning, Steve.

Steve: OK, grandpa, tell us the latest about your grandson Henry because people are praying and listening.

Scott: Thank you so much. First of all, thank you for praying. It's been wonderful to get so many messages of support and people praying. We feel the love, man. It's been wonderful. Progress for Henry is that he's up and down. He's generally overall positive and doing well.

The big news, I guess this week, was they did a brain scan and he didn't have any severe brain bleeds. They don't even need to do that for another few weeks, I guess.

Steve: Wow. Praise the Lord.

Scott: He's progressing well in that. He has had a couple of little hiccups with the breathing stuff and they started doing him some antibiotics yesterday, because it looked like he may be developing an infection of some sort and that's the main concern now is trying to fight off infections.

It's a roller coaster ride, everybody that's been through the NICU experience with a baby says it is a roller coaster. The emotions, from one minute to the next. If you think about it, what God created to work so wonderfully in the womb is they're trying to recreate that in this artificial environment out of the womb.

It's amazing watching these brilliant doctors and nurses tweaking things and trying to make it be as wonderful an environment to grow a baby in, but it's clumsy and doesn't work as well as it should, or as well as we like it to, so yeah.

Steve: God bless you, your wife, your daughter, her husband, and all the siblings.

Scott: Thank you.

Steve: I know the last thing that I remember seeing per request was about infections. God, deliver that boy from infection, keep him safe. Amen.

Scott: Amen, thank you.

Steve: You're welcome. Today we're going to talk about anointing. We're going to do a little bit different order, because normally what I would do is, I would start right in Exodus. We would talk about Exodus 40, where the priests were anointed and set apart for their service. Not only the priests but the tabernacle was anointed as well. I'm going to back up a little bit because most of us are probably most familiar with anointing when it comes to anointing kings like Saul, David, Solomon, etc.

Let's pray.

Father, thank You for the anointing which You initiated. You directed Samuel to anoint. You directed kings to be anointed. There's a lot to it in the scripture but I pray that You'll give us fresh eyes to see what You have ordained and what You've called into being and what You've set apart not only for kings and priests but for all of us.

Give us eyes to see what You want us to see today and ears to hear what Your Spirit has for us in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scott: Amen.

Steve: Samuel took the flask of oil, poured it on his head. This was Saul. Kissed him and said, "Has not Jehovah anointed you a ruler over His inheritance." (1 Samuel 10:1) Five verses later it says, "The Spirit of Jehovah will come upon you mightily and you shall prophesy with him and be changed into another man."

This is a little picture of Samuel anointing Saul. The word for anoint is Mawshak. For those of you that want to go a little deeper and study yourself, you'll find Mawshak and similar words for anoint, anointing, anointed.

Here's what we see in Samuel and Saul. As Samuel was pouring oil upon his head he was setting apart Saul to be the king. This was his office. He was being consecrated –or set apart for his job.

Oil is a picture of the Spirit of God for as it says, "Then the Spirit of Jehovah will come upon you mightily." Oil and the Spirit go together. The oil represents the Spirit of God coming upon a person, setting them apart for an office, consecrating them to do the work of God.

1 Samuel 16:11–13, after Saul dropped the ball, God directed Samuel to go to Jesse. "Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are these all the children?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, and behold, he is tending the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.'"

"So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with beautiful eyes and a handsome appearance. And Jehovah said, 'Arise, anoint him; for this is he.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of Jehovah came mightily upon David from that day forward."

We've talked about David many times on these podcasts. David was handsome, he was a faithful shepherd, etc., but he became a new man that day because the Spirit of Jehovah came upon him. We know that it anointed not only his whole being, it anointed his music.

David's first assignment in Saul's court was to drive away evil spirits by his anointed music. What has always stood out to me about David was how he honored the anointing.

We know that Saul was jealous of David, and even when David delivered the whole nation from Goliath and the Philistines, Saul chased him, hounded him, and tried to kill him many, many times. In 1 Samuel 24:10, David said, "This day thine eyes have seen how Jehovah had delivered thee into my hand in the cave, and some said, I should kill you, but mine eyes spared you. I said, 'I will not put forth my hand against my lord, for he is Jehovah's anointed.'"

That expression is used several times. David respected the anointing. He honored what God had done. Even though this man was trying to kill him and was clearly out

of control and not being led by God's Spirit, David nonetheless respected the anointing.

If it was me and that guy is chasing me around trying to kill my family and me, I'd have taken him out. However David respected the anointing. When Saul did die, David himself was anointed several times. First, he was anointed to be king in Judah and then later over the whole nation of Israel.

Notice what God says about David in Psalm 89:19–20, "I have exalted one chosen out of the people. I have found David my servant with My holy oil have I anointed him." Psalm 89 is one of those Psalms that I pretty much take off my shoes when I get close to. It's sublime and holy.

God says, "I've found my boy. I've found David, and I have set him apart, and I've consecrated him with My holy oil." David's obituary if you want, reads this way in 2 Samuel 23:1. "These are the last words of David, the oracle of David, the son of Jesse, the oracle of the man who was raised on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the sweet psalmist of Israel."

As naturally gifted as David probably was, it was the Spirit of God that came upon David that made him who he was. There's none like him besides Jesus, who is described in Isaiah 61:1, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me because Jehovah has anointed Me to bring good news to the poor," etc. This wonderful passage is quoted almost word for word in Luke 4:18, when He Himself said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me. He has anointed Me."

Peter, when he was giving a history lesson in Acts 10:37–38, "You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him."

Then in Hebrews 1:8, we read the of the Son, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness, therefore God, your God has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." The word Christ means anointed.

1 Chronicles 16 has become one of my favorite chapters in the Old Testament. There was a little chunk in here where it says, in verses 190–22 "When you were few in number, of little account, and sojourners in it, wandering from nation to nation, from one kingdom to another people, He allowed no one to oppress them. He rebuked kings on their account saying, 'Touch not my anointed ones, do my prophets no harm.'"

Israel was called the anointed ones. God's original purpose for this people was that they would be a holy people, they would be His people. They were being called out you might say, from all the nations of the earth and set apart, or consecrated, to be a holy people, His people, a kingdom of priests. This is what God had on His heart from

the beginning. And within that holy nation, He had specific people set apart to be priests. There are several places we could read in Numbers, Leviticus, the beginning of Exodus. I chose **Exodus 40:9–15** to represent them.

“You shall take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle and all that is in it, and consecrate it and all its furniture, so that it may become holy. You shall also anoint the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, and consecrate the altar, so that the altar may become most holy. You shall also anoint the basin and its stand, and consecrate it. Then you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance of the tent of meeting and shall wash them with water and put on Aaron the holy garments. And you shall anoint him and consecrate him, that he may serve me as priest. You shall bring his sons also and put coats on them, and anoint them, as you anointed their father, that they may serve me as priests. And their anointing shall admit them to a perpetual priesthood throughout their generations.”

There is so much packed in there, but what I saw as I was reading this was, this anointing oil was not only for the priests, Aaron and his sons, it was for the very tabernacle itself and its furniture, and its offerings and the altar and the basin. All of it was to be set apart, consecrated, and anointed with oil.

It appears that not only people, but places can be special. Things can be special because the tabernacle and all of its furnishings, utensils were to be set apart. They were to be anointed.

We believers in Jesus have been set apart to belong to Him. "Come out from among them and be separate, and I will be Your dad, and you'll be My children," this is what He calls us to. 2 Corinthians 1:21–22 says, "He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, Who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge."

You see all these same words being used. We're being anointed, we're recipients of the Spirit of God, covered with oil, and frankly, I saved the best for last. 1 John 2:20, and 27, "You (plural) have been anointed by the Holy One, and you have all knowledge." Gasp. 27th verse. "As for you, the anointing which you receive from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you, just as His anointing teaches you about all things and is true and is not a lie, and as it has taught you, you abide in Him."

God has anointed us. Take that one thought from those two passages. We have been anointed, and His anointing, His Spirit coming upon us, being poured out on us, is teaching us everything we need to be taught. It's ongoing and abiding and it's given us knowledge and insight.

It's no one but the Spirit of God Who has been leading us down this path as we've been studying what it means to be consecrated, to be set apart, to be a priest unto the Lord. We've been filled with the Spirit to do the work of God, to minister to God and His people. To pray and make sure that His house is a house of prayer. To seek

God, to give thanks to God, to be warriors for God, to believe the work of God, to resist the enemy, to worship, bless, stand by him, clothed in him, bearing on our hearts the people of God. It's a glorious picture. As high a calling as this is, it's not beyond the anointing. The anointing is what will teach us and help us to do what God has called us to do. Amen.

Scott: That passage in 1 John, packs a punch, man. I don't feel like I'm living like that most days. I don't know if I've ever felt like I'm living in that kind of power. That makes me want to figure something out here.

The anointing you received from him remains in you. You do not need anyone to teach you. 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. That's powerful.

Steve: It's extremely powerful. I think the Spirit has helped us this morning. When you think about this calling, you have to consider not the calling, but get your eyes back on the caller and the anointing that he's given us to do it. It's all about Him and His spirit comes upon us.

I wouldn't be doing justice to scripture if I didn't close by reading about two people that were specially consecrated, set apart, filled with the Spirit, and that is the people that are called, the two anointed ones.

I'm going to read these passages from Zechariah 4:1–6, “The angel who talked with me came again and woke me, like a man who is awakened out of his sleep. And he said to me, ‘What do you see?’ I said, ‘I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it, and seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. And there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.’ And I said to the angel who talked with me, ‘What are these, my lord?’ Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, ‘Do you not know what these are?’ I said, ‘No, my lord.’ Then he said to me, ‘This is the word of Jehovah to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says Jehovah of hosts.’”

The last part of this passage is often quoted, but consider the context. It's about these two olive trees. Then down in the 11th verse, “‘What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?’ And a second time I answered and said to him, ‘What are these two branches of the olive trees, which are beside the two golden pipes from which the golden oil is poured out?’ He said to me, ‘Do you not know what these are?’ I said, ‘No, my lord.’ Then he said, ‘These are the two anointed ones who stand by the Lord of the whole earth.’”

They are mentioned again in Revelation. “These are the two anointed ones. These are the people that are standing for God.” These two people, these anointed ones, these people who have been consecrated, called out, filled, poured out on their head oil, are not only receiving the anointing, but they are pouring oil into these lampstands.

Steve: It looks to me as I read Revelation, it'll be Christ and the two anointed ones, versus the anti-Christ, the beast, and all his minions. It's going to be a clear-cut battle and I choose to be on the team of the two anointed ones because we're going to be standing with them. How's that?

Scott: Amen.

Steve: That's a good answer. I don't know either. I'm just simply believing the word of God and thanking Him. Father, thank You for Your anointing. Thank You for the anointing that Jesus received and which made Him the Christ, the anointed one.

Thank You for the anointing that David received, that helped him to be the sweet Psalmist of Israel, the anointed one of God. Thank You for the anointing that Aaron and his sons received for perpetual priesthood.

Thank You for the anointing which we've received and these two special people that we read about Zechariah and Revelation, this anointed ones. If they're on Earth today, God, bless them. God, encourage them.

God bless all of us who are in the same work of standing by the Lord of the whole Earth ministering to you, ministering to each other, teaching, believing, worshipping, all these things we've articulated. Thank You for the anointing. Help us to count on it, reckon it, believe in it, and walk in the power of it, in Jesus' name.

Anoint us afresh today, all of us that are listening, and even if we're not listening, anoint Your people today to be all that you've called us to be, the people that stand by the Lord of the whole Earth, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scott: Amen. That's our show for this week, folks. Thanks for joining us for the Building Faith Families podcast with Steve Demme. If you have a question for the show, email Steve at spdemme@gmail.com. If you have a question for me, you can reach me at scott@unsocializedmedia.com. Thanks for joining us. Have a great week.