

The Holy Anointing Oil

Exodus 30:22-29

22 Moreover the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 23 "Also take for yourself quality spices--five hundred shekels of liquid myrrh, half as much sweet-smelling cinnamon (two hundred and fifty shekels), two hundred and fifty shekels of sweet-smelling cane, 24 five hundred shekels of cassia, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, and a hin of olive oil. 25 And you shall make from these a holy anointing oil, an ointment compounded according to the art of the perfumer. It shall be a holy anointing oil. 26 With it you shall anoint the tabernacle of meeting and the ark of the Testimony; 27 the table and all its utensils, the lampstand and its utensils, and the altar of incense; 28 the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the laver and its base. 29 You shall consecrate them, that they may be most holy; whatever touches them must be holy.

Once again we come across something that is not usual to us but had a very important place in the Old Testament.

Anointing was as it is today a normal hygienic activity. Because the humidity in that part of the world is very low, about 15-20% when I was there, it is a very dry climate. Oils and ointments are a necessary part of life.

But there was a special anointing that was reserved for special occasions. In this instance we see this for the first time in the Bible. The priests were to be anointed upon their entrance into the priesthood. But also this anointing was also applied to the holy tabernacle and all of its articles.

We have seen that blood was to be applied to the articles of the tabernacle as well as Aaron and his sons. But also this special anointing oil was used.

But whereas for some articles the blood was applied more than once sometimes annually. But the anointing oil was applied once only.

But what is this all about? We do not anoint people today except for useful purposes.

- I. It was a seal of ownership and used to set things apart or to sanctify them.
 - A. Ex 40:9 "And you shall take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle and all that is in it; and you shall hallow it and all its utensils, and it shall be holy.
 - B. Le 8:10 Also Moses took the anointing oil, and anointed the tabernacle and all that was in it, and consecrated them.
 - C. Nu 7:1 ¶ Now it came to pass, when Moses had finished setting up the tabernacle, that he anointed it and consecrated it and all its furnishings, and the altar and all its utensils; so he anointed them and consecrated them.
- II. It was a seal of authority.
 - A. When God had Moses anoint Aaron and his sons it was a sign that God had chosen and authorized them to be His representatives.
 1. Ex 40:13 "You shall put the holy garments on Aaron, and anoint him and

consecrate him, that he may minister to Me as priest.

2. Ex 40:14 "And you shall bring his sons and clothe them with tunics. 15 "You shall anoint them, as you anointed their father, that they may minister to Me as priests; for their anointing shall surely be an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations."

B. But not only priests were anointed but Kings as well.

1. Saul

- a. 1Sa 15:1 ¶ Samuel also said to Saul, "The LORD sent me to anoint you king over His people, over Israel. Now therefore, heed the voice of the words of the LORD.

2. David

- a. 1Sa 16:13 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.
- b. Ps 89:20 I have found My servant David; With My holy oil I have anointed him,

3. Solomon

- a. 1Ki 1:39 Then Zadok the priest took a horn of oil from the tabernacle and anointed Solomon. And they blew the horn, and all the people said, "Long live King Solomon!"

C. And also prophets.

1. 1Ki 19:16 "Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place.

III. Jesus is THE anointed one, the Messiah.

A. Isaiah 11:1-2 (NKJV) 1 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

B. Ps 45:7 You love righteousness and hate wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.

1. Heb 1:9 You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions."

C. Isa 61:1 ¶ "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has

anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

1. Lu 4:18 "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed;

D. Da 9:24 "Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy.

E. Ac 4:27 "For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together

F. Ac 10:38 "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

IV. The anointing oil is a symbol of the Holy Spirit.

A. We are anointed by the Holy Spirit when we become a believer.

1. 2Co 1:21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God,

2. 1Jo 2:20 ¶ But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.

3. 1Jo 2:27 But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

B. It is a seal of our final victory.

1. 2Co 1:22 who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

2. Eph 1:13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

3. Eph 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.