

The Corporate Anointing

Scripture:

Luke 4:16-21 “So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.¹⁷ And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: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;*¹⁹ *To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.*”²⁰ Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him.²¹ And He began to say to them, “*Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.*”

Introduction:

God is anointing His body to do the work of the kingdom. There are no stars, big I’s or little U’s, just different ministries and responsibilities. Even while Jesus Christ walked among men and taught His disciples, He anointed His disciples to do the work of ministry. Now the Body of Christ has the responsibility to bear the anointing for ministry and fulfill the call to work for the kingdom of God. So, although we, as individuals, must be anointed and can expect to be anointed we must see the bigger picture and recognize that God wants to loose a corporate anointing in order that the Kingdom of God might be established in the earth. There are probably many more but I’d like to point out three necessary ingredients to see the corporate anointing released through a church.

I. The corporate anointing was released at the dedication of Solomon’s Temple.

II Chronicles 5:11-14 “And it came to pass when the priests came out of the Most Holy Place (for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves, without keeping to their divisions),¹² and the Levites who were the singers, all those of Asaph and Heman and Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, stood at the east end of the altar, clothed in white linen, having cymbals, stringed instruments and harps, and with them one hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets—¹³indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying: “For He is good, For His mercy endures forever,” that the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud,¹⁴ so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.”

- A. The Glory of the Lord is brought in through the ingredients present at the dedication.
- B. Because of the Glory of the Lord the priests could not even stand and continue to minister.
- C. A preliminary to the release of the anointing was the fact that the ark of God was in place.

II Chronicles 5:7 “Then the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the temple, to the Most Holy Place, under the wings of the cherubim.”

- 1. The ark of God is where the presence of God rests.
- 2. We must direct all our attention to getting the ark properly placed in our midst whenever we come together.

II. The first ingredient needed to establish the corporate anointing is sanctification.

- A. Sanctification means “to be clean, dedicated and holy.”
- B. Holiness means “to be separated from darkness and linked to God.”

Ephesians 4:20-24 “But you have not so learned Christ,²¹ if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:²² that you put off, concerning your

former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, ²³and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”

1. When we receive revelation of holiness, it will change our character. (notice Isaiah’s reaction in Isaiah 6)

I am not what I might be, I am not what I ought to be, I am not what I wish to be, I am not what I hope to be. But I thank God I am not what I once was, and I can say with the great apostle, "By the grace of God I am what I am.

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2. When we believe we’re holy, we will begin to act like it.

- C. The Spirit of God is the Holy Spirit who lives inside of you.

I Corinthians 6:19-20 *“Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your [□]body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”*

- D. The Holy Spirit transforms our lives to make us into new vessels of honor.

Luke 3:16-17 *“John answered, saying to all, “I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.”*

1. He helps you overcome darkness, corruption, oppression that may be attempting to invade.
2. When the enemy comes, the holiness of God rises within you.
3. The Lord is our holiness.
4. As He fellowships with us, His Holy Spirit changes us.

III. The second ingredient needed to establish the corporate anointing is harmony.

In his early years, American landscape photographer Ansel Adams studied piano and showed some talent. At one party, however, as Adams played Chopin's F Major Nocturne he recalled that "In some strange way my right had started off in F-sharp major while my left had behaved well in F-major. I could not bring them together. I went through the entire nocturne with the hands separated by a half-step."

The next day a fellow guest gave Adams a no-nonsense review of his performance: "You never missed a wrong note!"

- A. God gave ministries to the Church to bring us to unity.

Ephesians 4:11-16 *“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”*

1. Unity is maturity.
2. The Church is too much like Esau and Jacob – warring continually.

3. Harmony destroys the jockeying for position.
 4. Harmony brings the body into effective ministry.
- B. After Jacob's Penial experience he wanted to be reunited with Esau.
- Genesis 33:8-11 *"Then Esau said, "What do you mean by all this company which I met?" And he said, "These are to find favor in the sight of my lord." ⁹But Esau said, "I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself." ¹⁰And Jacob said, "No, please, if I have now found favor in your sight, then receive my present from my hand, inasmuch as I have seen your face as though I had seen the face of God, and you were pleased with me. ¹¹Please, take my blessing that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough." So he urged him, and he took it."*
- (note: It was like I saw the face of God)
- C. Real harmony is seen by the expression of love.
- John 13:34 *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."*

IV. The third ingredient needed to establish the corporate anointing is worship and praise.

- A. God inhabits the praises of His people.
- Psalms 22:3 *"But You are holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel."*
- B. Praise and worship declares proper ownership and devotion.
- Psalms 95:1-7 *"O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. ²Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. ³For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. ⁴In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also. ⁵The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land. ⁶O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker. ⁷For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand."*

Conclusion:

- A. the corporate anointing will bring success in outreach ministry, home cell ministry, children's ministry, youth ministry, in fact, any ministry the house of God is involved in.
- B. Let's give ourselves to the anointing that breaks and destroys every yoke so that the corporate can be established.
- C. Let's become as committed and zealous for the corporate anointing as we are to the individual anointing.
- D. When the corporate anointing is established we will have a powerful, spirit-filled house of worship.