

We are Anointed

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:

- A. Have you ever wondered why God anoints us?
- B. Have you ever asked God to pour His anointing on you?
- C. The anointing is given for specific reasons, not just so we can play in it and enjoy its manifestation.
- D. We must be careful not to waste the anointing of God.
- E. "because" - there is a reason when the Holy Spirit moves upon God's people.
- F. Jesus was appointed & ordained by the Holy Spirit for a work, for a ministry, to serve
- G. Whatever ministries we see Jesus do, we should do.
John 14:12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father."
John 16:7 "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you."

I. We are anointed to preach the gospel to the poor.

- A. We are to evangelize and declare the good news.
- B. The poor are those who do not know what is available to them in Christ Jesus.
- C. We can never say, "I'm not ready." Remember, we have been anointed.
II Timothy 4:2 "Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching."
- D. We are anointed with a ministry of reconciliation.
II Corinthians 5:18-19 "Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation."

II. We are anointed to heal the brokenhearted.

- A. Jesus is the Great Physician not just to our bodies but to our soul as well.
Psalms 41:4 "I said, "LORD, be merciful to me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against You."
- B. As we minister repentance to the multitudes around us, we can see them healed of their brokenness.
Psalms 147:3 "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. "
- C. Sin causes broken hearts. As we minister in love, God will bring healing.

III. We are anointed to proclaim liberty to the captives.

- A. Captives are those who are held in bondage to besetting sins, traditions of men, fear of failure or anything that keeps them from being what God has called them to be.
Acts 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. "
- B. God has not changed. What He's done before, He will do again.

Hebrews 13:8 *“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”*

IV. We are anointed to see recovery of sight to the blind.

Mark 16:17 *“And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”*

- A. If we are called to a ministry, we are anointed to have authority in that dimension.
- B. The blind are those whose eyes are not open to truth as well as the physical disability.
- C. The inability to see ourselves is probably the greatest blindness of all.
- D. As we share the truth of the word of God, the Holy Spirit can bring recovery of sight.

V. We are anointed to set at liberty those who are oppressed.

Acts 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.”*

- A. When we start talking about getting people free of demons, folks start getting nervous.
- B. We don't have to make a spectacle out of it, just walk in the authority that comes with the anointing.
- C. Oppression takes many forms, but all of them have to do with our failure to come into the purpose of God for our lives.
 - 1. We may fail because of ignorance.
 - 2. We may fail because of sin.
 - 3. We may fail because of the attack of the enemy.

VI. We are anointed to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

- A. The acceptable year of the Lord is the year of Jubilee. That's the year of freedom.
- B. The debtors were set free from their debt and their lands were restored to them.
- C. There comes a time when we take our authority to help those in need to recover all that the devil has stolen from them.

I Samuel 30:8 *“So David inquired of the LORD, saying, “Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them?” And He answered him, “Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all.”*