

HIS ANOINTING - OUR RESTORATION

READ Luke 6:17-19

LUK 6:17 And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases; 18And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed. 19And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for **there went virtue out of him**, and healed them all.

The Greek word for “to hear” is “akouo”. It means to hear: audience (of), give, come (to the ears), be noised, be reported, understand.

The scriptures tell us in verse 19 that the whole multitude wanted to touch Jesus. The eye witness accounts of the many miracles were soon the topic of the day. Now they all wanted to personally experience a miracle; His wholeness. Hungry people don't just want good preaching they want to receive of the virtue of Christ. The “anointing” of the Holy Spirit was the virtue that Christ imparted to the people. They virtually rushed forward to receive the anointing (blessing) that was flowing from His life. This is the way the anointing works. Ministers with the “river of God's life” flowing from his or her life will always be sought after just as Jesus was. The lesser person (or the one in need of wholeness, either in body or in spirit) seeks out the person with a great anointing flowing in their ministry. See Heb 7:7

HEB 7:7 And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better.

In other words the weaker person will be blessed by the stronger.

The Old Testament scriptures record “Spirit anointings” that came upon the anointed men and women of God.

JUD 6:34 But **the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon**, and he blew a trumpet; and Abiezer was gathered after him.

“The spirit literally clothed Gideon” This garment of the Holy Spirit came upon him. See: Jud 13:25; 1 Sam 10: 9-10; 1 Sam 16: 13; Daniel 6:3.

1 SAM 10:10 And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; **and the Spirit of God came upon him**, and **he prophesied among them.**

Prophecy is one of the most powerful word interventions of God that we can encounter. The prophecy of Samuel worked a miracle in Saul's life. (1Sam 10:9) He was a transformed man; heart and spirit.

1 SAM 10:9 And it was *so*, that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, **God gave him another heart**: and **all those signs came to pass** that day.

1 SAM 16:13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and **the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward.**

The Spirit of the Lord came on David from the day he was anointed by Samuel. The anointing of God made a change in David's life. The pouring of the oil was merely a physical demonstration. There was no anointing in the oil itself. Irrespective, the anointing was transferred from Samuel the prophet of God. Similarly, water baptism is symbolic of the separation or burying of the old life. It is impossible for the water to change the life. It's the symbolic nature of the baptism that God acts upon.

MAT 3:16 When Jesus was baptized, **the heavens were opened to Him** and **the spirit of God descended** like a dove, and **lighting** upon Him.

The Greek word for "lighting" is "erchomai". It means "to come or go" accompany, appear, bring, come enter, fall out, go, grow.

Three things are evident in this scripture:

Firstly: For the anointing to be obviously present on any man or woman of God, the "heavens must be opened" and kept opened by time spent with God.

Secondly: The Spirit of God descended from the opened heaven. The anointing came upon Christ. It rested upon Him like a robe. The believer needs to acknowledge that **the virtues and power of the anointing descends only after the heavens are open.**

Thirdly: This descending of the Spirit lighted on Him. This was a specific and permanent anointing. However, it did not obviate the need to maintain His anointing by prayer.

See **Luke 4:18** "because He hath anointed me." Jesus was convinced of the fact that He was anointed of God.

READ: Luke 4:17-21, 32, 36-37.

EZE 3:22 And the hand of the LORD was there upon me; and he said unto me, **Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will there talk with thee.** 23Then I arose, and went forth into the plain: and, **behold, the glory of the LORD stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river of Chebar:** and I fell on my face. 24Then the spirit entered into me, and set me upon my feet, and spake with me, and said unto me, **Go, shut thyself within thine house.**

Ezekial's second experience of God's glory came about after he obeyed God and went to the plain. The glory was similar to the glory he experienced by the river Chebar. (See chapter 1) However, this time he was asked to go to his house. God restricted his ministry movements and told him he would not prophesy at that time. Two things are evident. Firstly, God asked him to be alone with God. Secondly, he was sensitive to God's voice; obeying every word.

Many times in church services, we fail to open the heavenly realm. Many times leaders are not sensitive enough to obey the leading of His Holy Spirit resulting in misdirected energy in praise and worship. It shouldn't take an hour in our church services to convince God that we really would like Him to open heaven for us. When God sees a revival consciousness He will move in power. Paul recognized and demonstrated the power of Christ. (1Cor 3:4)

1 COR 3:4 And my speech and my preaching *was* not with enticing words of man's wisdom, **but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:** 5That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

The ministers of God in the body of Christ must open heaven in order that they can walk in the anointing of God. When we open ourselves, God opens heaven. Our decision to open our spirit will effect God's decision to open heaven.

2KIN 3:15 But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him.

Elisha called for a minstrel (musician) to come and play. This calmed his perturbed spirit, allowing Elisha to ready himself to hear the word of the Lord. During the playing of the stringed instrument the hand of the Lord (the Spirit of God) came upon him.

In **Rev 1:10** John says, "I was in the spirit on the Lord's day." One could say, when someone is in the Spirit, the Spirit of revelation is ready to be revealed.

JN 15:5 "Abiding in Him" is to be found "in the spirit".
The more we abide the more we can abide in the spirit with anointing.

LUK 5:17 And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: **and the power of the Lord was present to heal them.**

Once we are practiced in abiding, the spirit of difficult meetings lacking unity such as the one encountered by Jesus must submit to the fact that God is present. Even though Jesus encountered unbelief and criticism in the meeting (Luke 5:21-22) he was able to ascend enough to demonstrate some miracles. Being a prepared full vessel was the key to Christ's ministerial ability. Enough faith was generated for the man to be let down through the roof to be healed.