

THE ANOINTING OIL OF JOY

PART 9 THE SHEPHERD PSALM 2020

JUST TO RECAP: NO PERSONAL ENEMY OR ISSUE YOU MIGHT BE BATTLING WITH, CAN KEEP YOU **OUT** OF OUR LORD'S BANQUETING HOUSE & NO ENEMY CAN FOLLOW YOU **IN**. **THIS TABLE HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR YOU TO COME & ENJOY, DESPITE ALL YOUR ISSUES.**

SLIDE IT'S LIKE THE LORD SAYS, 'YOU DON'T HAVE TO FIRST FIX YOUR PROBLEM BEFORE YOU COME & FEAST WITH ME. IN FACT FEASTING WITH ME WILL FIX YOUR PROBLEMS ... YOU ARE INVITED TO COME & EXPERIENCE MY OVERWHELMING GOODNESS & GRACE **JUST AS YOU ARE** ... **ENEMIES & ALL** ... WITH ALL YOUR CURRENT FRUSTRATIONS ... FEARS & FAILURES ...'

IT IS HERE **IN THIS FELLOWSHIP** WITH THE KING THAT YOU ENTER INTO **HIS VICTORY** OVER THESE ENEMIES OF YOURS ... EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE **STILL HOWLING OUTSIDE** ...

THIS IS THE TABLE OF HIS FELLOWSHIP

THIS 'TABLE PREPARED', IS THE EXPERIENCE OF FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FATHER & SON!

1 John 1:3 **SLIDE**

... Our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

SO HERE IN THIS BLESSED FELLOWSHIP WE COME INTO THE BLESSING OF HIS ANOINTING.

Psalm 23:5 **SLIDE**

*You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You **anoint** my head with oil*

...

WHAT IS THIS ANOINTING?

THIS IS NOT APPOINTING US TO SOME NEW POSITION OR MINISTRY

Every king or priest was anointed in the Old Testament (e.g. Aaron in Leviticus 8:12)

SLIDE DAVID, THE WRITER OF PSALM 23, **HAD ALREADY BEEN ANOINTED** BY SAMUEL AS A YOUNG BOY, WHEN HE WAS APPOINTED TO BE KING OF ISRAEL. (1 Samuel 16:13) **ALSO LATER, WHEN ASCENDING TO THE THRONE,** David was **anointed** a second time by the people. (2 Samuel 2:4)

SO IN PSALM 23, DAVID IS NOT TALKING ABOUT HIS KINGLY ANOINTING.

HE IS TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE!!!

WHAT IS IT?

THE FIRST THING WE NEED TO SEE IS ...

THIS IS THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ANOINTING THAT COMES IN FELLOWSHIP.

*The custom at feasts in eastern countries, was to anoint valued guests with oil. It was to honour them, to refresh and cleanse their skin and perfume them with a perfume that lingered. **IT COMES WITH THE FELLOWSHIP.***

IN THE SAME WAY, AS I ENTER INTO FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FATHER & SON,
I CONSEQUENTIALLY COME INTO THIS ANOINTING.

I DON'T HAVE TO FAST FOR IT ... I HAVE TO FEAST FOR IT.

- **SLIDE** IN THIS ANOINTED PLACE OF FELLOWSHIP ...

I BEGIN TO EXPERIENCE THE ANOINTING I ALREADY HAVE WITHIN

THERE ARE ONLY 3 TIMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLES WHERE 'THE ANOINTING' IS MENTIONED

(EXCEPT FOR THE HEALING OF THE SICK WHICH IS USED AS A SYMBOL in James 5:16.)

IN EACH ONE WE ARE TOLD... **THE ANOINTING IS SOMETHING WE ALREADY HAVE.**

THE MOMENT YOUR SPIRIT WAS REGENERATED YOU SPIRITUALLY
RECEIVED THE ANOINTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN YOU.

- 1 John 2:20

But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.

An anointing - *chrisma* From *chrio*; the special endowment of the Holy Spirit.

- 1 John 2:27 NIV **SLIDE**

As for you, the anointing you [have] received from Him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But 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.

- 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God²² who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Anointed - *χρίσας (chrisas)* Probably akin to *chraomai* through the idea of contact; to smear or rub with oil, i.e. to consecrate to an office or religious service.

THIS FELLOWSHIP AT THE TABLE IS THE EXPERIENCE OF WHAT I ALREADY HAVE

HE DOESN'T IMPART ANYTHING NEW

- **SLIDE** IN THIS ANOINTED PLACE OF FELLOWSHIP ...
HE BRINGS MY THINKING INTO LINE

NOTICE HE ANOINTS MY HEAD - MY HEAD IS WHERE THE PROBLEM IS

Psalm 23:5 **SLIDE**

*You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint **my head** with oil ...*

**MY HEAD - MY OWN WAY OF THINKING, MY OWN FEELINGS & MY WILL -
START TO LINE UP WITH MY SPIRIT ...**

SO JUST BY BEING HERE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE KING OF ALL HEAVEN & EARTH ... **MY HEAD IS SOVEREIGNLY ANOINTED WITH HIS RICH, FRAGRANT, SOOTHING OIL ... MY MIND & EMOTIONS START TO LINE UP WITH MY SPIRIT ... ALL WAYWARD THOUGHTS ARE BROUGHT INTO LINE ... **ALL NAGGING DOUBTS, SELF-CONDEMNATION AND FEARS GO OUT THE WINDOW** ... ***I KNOW & FEEL I AM ACCEPTED, LOVED AND FORGIVEN UNCONDITIONALLY*** ... **ALL AUTOMATICALLY BY JUST BEING HERE IN FELLOWSHIP WITH THE KING.****

Ephesians 4:23 **SLIDE**

... Be renewed in the spirit of your mind.

Here we become who we already are

IN THIS PLACE, **YOU TRIUMPH IN YOURSELF OVER ALL YOUR INTERNAL ISSUES.**

AS MY WILL SUBMITS UNDER HIS ANOINTED HAND ... MY MIND STARTS TO UNWIND.

Some of us have carried such intensity ... such fear ... such guilt from this world's system we've been involved with. We suffer from such pressure ... so much condemnation from the constant accusation of Satan directly, as well as from other accusers ... such memories of disappointments ... such failures ... etc. etc. ...

As a result, **some of our minds are like a tightly wound spring, our bodies more tense than we realise ...**

BUT HERE HE STARTS TO WIPE HIS OIL ON OUR FOREHEAD ... SOOTHING AWAY ALL GUILT & CONDEMNATION & ABUSE ... WITH ALL SHAME!

THE KING'S TOUCH OF OIL STARTS TO WIPE IT ALL AWAY ...

It cleanses the skin from the world's uncleanness ... It soothes and replenishes skin that has been dried out from the heat of the world's sun ... It takes away the odour of decay, that all matter in this world is subject to, and it leaves a beautiful, lingering perfume.

THERE IS ALSO A POSITIVE EFFECT - AS A RESULT OF HIS ANOINTING ON OUR HEAD ...

CONSECRATED THINKING NOW BRINGS AN AWARENESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- THE ABILITY TO PERCEIVE & DISCERN THE SPIRITUAL REALM
- THE EYES OF OUR UNDERSTANDING ENLIGHTENED TO KNOW THE TRUTH
- A KNOWLEDGE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BY WHOM WE HAVE ALREADY BEEN SEALED

ALL BECAUSE I ENTERED INTO FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM

- **SLIDE** IN THIS ANOINTED PLACE OF FELLOWSHIP ...
WE DISCOVER WHO WE ARE ... UNIQUELY & PERSONALLY

Psalm 23:5 **SLIDE**

*You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint **my** head with oil ...*

MY HEAD = MY INDIVIDUAL HEAD ... not collective

MY HEAD = MY UNIQUENESS ... MY PERSONALITY ...

Psalm 104:15 **SLIDE**

*... Wine that makes glad the heart of man, **oil to make his face shine ...**
to shine (lō·hāṣ·hîl) To gleam, be cheerful, to sound clear*

Helen our church secretary, who in her past has been caught up into 'super-spiritual' intensity, made a joke the other day.

I said, 'Is that humour I hear?'

*She said (smiling), '**The Lord is restoring my sense of humour**'.*

SHE IS BECOMING WHO SHE IS IN CHRIST.

**THIS HAPPENS IN FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FATHER, THE SON & THE HOLY SPIRIT ...
AT THE KING'S TABLE ... IN HIS FELLOWSHIP**

HOWEVER ... PEOPLE SOMETIMES ASK ME ... WHAT CAN I DO?

WELL, THERE IS SOMETHING YOU CAN DO ...

YOU CAN 'DRAW NEAR TO GOD & HE WILL DRAW NEAR TO YOU' (James 4:8)

THAT IS COMING TO THIS TABLE ...

BUT YOU DRAW NEAR ONLY TO WHERE YOU BELONG ...

AND TO WHERE YOU ALREADY ARE ...

TO WHERE WE HAVE ALREADY BEEN BROUGHT NEAR -

Ephesians 2:13

*But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off **have been brought near** by the blood of Christ.*

SO HERE ... WHEN WE DRAW NEAR TO WHERE WE ARE ... AND WHEN WHAT IS IN STARTS TO COME OUT ...

MY HEAD IS ALIGNED WITH MY SPIRIT ... AND JOY FLOWS

EVEN MORE PRAGMATICALLY

Now obviously there is no physical table ...

But there is a spiritual one prepared ...

And a seat for you to come and sit at ...

*This is us **'turning aside'** from people and activities and **'drawing aside'** to God ...*

THIS IS PRIVATE ... PERSONAL ...

*MOSES **TURNED ASIDE** TO SEE THE GREAT SIGHT OF THE BURNING BUSH.*

You might feel an inkling of something - **THIS IS GOD CALLING YOU TO TURN ASIDE TO FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM**

GOD MIGHT INSTIGATE IT ... BUT YOU CAN ALSO INSTIGATE IT ...

YOU CAN INSTIGATE IT ... SEEK GOD ...

NOT FOR FORGIVENESS ... BUT FOR FELLOWSHIP ...

THIS IS NOT PRAYING ... THIS IS WALKING WITH HIM ... IN THE COOL OF THE EVENING ... WALKING THE EMAUS ROAD ... the long walks ... sitting under a tree ... looking at the stars ... looking into the distance ...

We read of Jesus continually in communion with His Father ...

THIS IS WAITING WITH HIM ...

WALTER BEAUTTLER, who made a teaching series called, 'Knowing the Spirit', would wake at 2am in the morning, just go and sit with the Lord and wait with Him. He wouldn't pray.

He'd just sit there with the Lord. He didn't do it for this experience, he just waited with the Lord. He'd say, 'Lord, I've come to sit with You'.

He did it every day, walking closely with the Lord. Testimonies came out from there, because he heard the voice of the Spirit. One day he heard the Lord say that not many people care to come and just sit with Him.

Do you know the Lord loves your fellowship?

Do you know the Lord desires your fellowship?

There, the Lord anoints your head with oil ...

Your Flesh revolts at this place of peace and fellowship ... sharing His Goodness at His table ... as it is an acquired taste ...

But your regenerated spirit rejoices here ... feeds upon His Goodness ...

THIS HAPPENS AS YOU FELLOWSHIP HEART TO HEART WITH YOUR GOD ...

YOU WILL SENSE HIM OPENING YOUR HEART ... DEEP INSIDE YOU ... FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD ... FAR AWAY FROM THE HUSTLE & BUSTLE ...

YOU MUST DRAW ASIDE TO FIND IT ... STOP FIGHTING YOUR ENEMIES ...

TURN YOUR FACE AWAY FROM THE WORLD AROUND ... BRING YOURSELF TO HIM ...

AND YOU WILL FIND THIS PLACE.