



Open Heaven 9 April 2024 Today Devotional: BENEFITS OF THE ANOINTING

Description

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TOPIC: BENEFITS OF THE ANOINTING

MEMORISE: Luke 4:18

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

BIBLE TEXT: 2 Kings 2:15-22

¹⁵ And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

16 And they said unto him, Behold now, there be with thy servants fifty strong men; let them go, we pray thee, and seek thy master: lest peradventure the Spirit of the Lord hath taken him up, and cast him upon some mountain, or into some valley. And he said, Ye shall not send.

17 And when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, Send. They sent therefore fifty men; and they sought three days, but found him not.

18 And when they came again to him, (for he tarried at Jericho,) he said unto them, Did I not say unto you, Go not?

19 And the men of the city said unto Elisha, Behold, I pray thee, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord seeth: but the water is naught, and the ground barren.

20 And he said, Bring me a new cruse, and put salt therein. And they brought it to him.

21 And he went forth unto the spring of the waters, and cast the salt in there, and said, Thus saith the Lord, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or barren land.

22 So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the saying of Elisha which he spake.

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The anointing makes you a blessing to all kinds of people. In 2 Kings 4:1-7, Elisha was a blessing to a poor widow. You can put an end to someone's poverty because you are anointed. Also, you can become a blessing, even to the rich and powerful.

You can sit in your room and tell a rich fellow, "Go and wash," as Elisha told Naaman, and if the fellow obeys, he will be healed. It is important to note, however, that if an anointed person blesses others solely for monetary gains, the problem of the rich will become the fellow's problem as Naaman's leprosy came upon Gehazi (2 Kings 5:20-27).

The anointing gives you the power to put smiles on the faces of people who would otherwise have been sorrowful. When I turned 80, I insisted that I wasn't throwing a party. However, some General Overseers gathered in my office after the Holy Ghost Service that day. When they were asked to share testimonies, one of them, a medical doctor who is now a General Overseer, said two of his daughters became terribly sick.

One was already gasping for breath when all of a sudden, he thought, "I have prayed, and nothing has happened, at least I know someone whose anointing is more than mine," so he called me that night. When he told me what was happening, God asked me to tell him to do some things.

When he started doing what I asked him to do, the other doctors that were with him started wondering what he was doing. He told them this wasn't medicine, but an instruction that came from Redemption Camp. The children survived miraculously, and today, one of them is a doctor, and I think the other is an engineer. If you want to be able to turn sorrow away from families, pursue God's anointing.

The anointing also gives you divine security. Our God is like a coin that has two sides, He is Love (1 John 4:8), and He is also a consuming fire (Hebrews 12:29). When He says touch not my anointed, He is saying, "Don't touch fire."

In Africa, we have a saying that even when a dog is mad, it still recognises fire. No matter how crazy a man may be, he will never walk into a fire. When you are anointed, you become too dangerous for the devil to touch.

OPEN HEAVEN 9 APRIL 2024 KEY POINT

Seek the anointing of God.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

1 Kings 3-5

RCCG HYMN 2: Amazing Grace

¹ Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch; like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

² Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come
This grace that brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

³ The Lord hath promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

⁴ Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.

⁵ The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine;
but God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine.

⁶ When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

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