

## "THE ANOINTING" *The Burden Removing & Yoke Destroying Power of God*

### THE PRACTICE OF THE ANOINTING

Over the past month, we've looked at various aspects of the Anointing that have brought us to tonight's teaching, **THE PRACTICE OF THE ANOINTING**. I want to say from the onset of this teaching that when I use the word, "practice" I am using it to suggest that there is a manner in which those persons whom God has entrusted with His anointing **should** carry themselves. THERE IS A WAY TO OPERATE IN THE ANOINTING.

As I've shared with you before David was anointed on three different occasions (I Sam. 16:13; II Sam. 2:4; II Sam. 5:1). What's interesting is there was a way in which he was carrying himself after the anointings that made him "promotable".

⇒ **EVERYBODY WANTS PROMOTION...BUT EVERYBODY IS NOT PROMOTABLE!**

- The Question Always Is, "*Can God Lift You Without Losing You?*"

We Learn Four Things About The Practice of Anointing By Examining David's Life:

**WHEN A PERSON OPERATES IN THE ANOINTING, ...**

#### I. THEY CAN SERVE WITHOUT EVER BEING SEEN

- ◆ Read I Sam. 16:6-13,19

One of the very first things that stood out and arrested my attention about David's first anointing was his servitude before, and even after he was anointed; both were in solitude. **DAVID SERVED BEHIND THE SCENES**. David was comfortable in obscurity.

- ★ **"The Drum Major / Celebrity spirit" in ministry is NOT of God!**

Some of you might be surprised to learn the moon projects NO light of its own. The moon shines ONLY because its surface reflects light from the sun. And despite the fact that it sometimes seems to shine ever so bright, the moon reflects only between three and twelve percent of the sunlight that hits it. The moon is comfortable allowing the Sun to shine!

⇒ **WHEN PEOPLE ARE OPERATING IN THEIR, ANOINTING THEY WANT THE "SON" TO SHINE!**

#### II. THEY CAN SERVE WHERE ANOTHER IS SITTING.

- ◆ Read I Sam. 16:19-21

- The above text tells us that David is Saul's "**Armorbearer**" - a verb meaning "*to lift, to carry, to take away.*" In scripture, the word is used both in the literal and figurative senses. David carried Saul's Armor (I Sam. 17:38) and his Anger (I Sam. 16:23).

What's important to note is that at this point in David's life, his **TITLE** and his **TOUCH** are not lining up with each other! He is wearing the Title of Armorbearer, but he was Touched to be the next King of Israel.

⇒ 1 Samuel 16:1 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup>Now the LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have provided Myself a king among his sons."

- \* The lesson David is teaching us about the anointing is that the true test of whether you are anointed or not is your ability to serve until your TOUCH matches your TITLE!

### III. THEY CAN SERVE OVER AN AREA THAT'S SMALL. - 2 Samuel 2:4 (NKJV)

"Then the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah..."

Please note, David had to wait something like seven YEARS from the time he was first anointed by Samuel to the time he became king over Judah (as recorded in our text). And then, on top of that, it was another SEVEN YEARS of waiting before David was anointed king over ALL Israel. This means David had to wait FOURTEEN YEARS to cash in on a promise from God.

- \* God Was Testing David To See If The Audience Affected His Anointing!

Preachers who are preaching with the anointing preach to 50 like they are preaching to 5,000! The real test of the anointing is CAN YOU BE FAITHFUL WITH A FEW!

- ◆ GOD MATCHED THE FAITHFULNESS OF DAVID WITH THE FAITHFULNESS OF JUDAH!

### IV. THEY CAN SERVE AS THE LORD GIVES STRENGTH. - 2 Samuel 5:3, 10 (NKJV)

"Therefore all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD. And they anointed David king over Israel...So David went on and became great, and the LORD God of hosts was with him.

#### GOD BLESSED DAVID WITH WEALTH - 2 SAMUEL 5:11-12 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup>Then Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters and masons. And they built David a house. <sup>12</sup>So David knew that the LORD had established him as king over Israel, and that He had exalted His kingdom for the sake of His people Israel.

#### GOD BLESSED DAVID IN WARFARE - 2 SAMUEL 5:17-21 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup>Now when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines went up to search for David. And David heard of it and went down to the stronghold. <sup>18</sup>The Philistines also went and deployed themselves in the Valley of Rephaim. <sup>19</sup>So David inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will You deliver them into my hand?" And the LORD said to David, "Go up, for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into your hand." <sup>20</sup>So David went to Baal Perazim, and David defeated them there; and he said, "The LORD has broken through my enemies before me, like a breakthrough of water." Therefore he called the name of that place Baal Perazim. <sup>21</sup>And they left their images there, and David and his men carried them away.

#### GOD BLESSED DAVID THROUGH WORSHIP - 2 SAMUEL 6:12-15 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup>Now it was told King David, saying, "The LORD has blessed the house of Obed-Edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with gladness. <sup>13</sup>And so it was, when those bearing the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, that he sacrificed oxen and fatted sheep. <sup>14</sup>Then David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was wearing a linen ephod. <sup>15</sup>So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet.