

DAVID THE ANOINTED

So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power. Samuel then went to Ramah.

First Samuel 16:13 (NIV)

Perhaps David was the first Biblical character to understand the anointing of God. Perhaps this was because when he was literally anointed with oil by Samuel to be the next king of Israel he simultaneously experienced the anointing of God on his life as well. The anointing is pictured in Scripture with oil being poured over the head of someone and running down their body (refer to Psalm 133:2). This is pictorial of what the Spirit of God does when He anoints someone.

Thus the anointing is a covering by God of a person. In this sense it means that God is with someone in a very special way. His presence accompanies them. While it is true that God is omnipresent, it is also true that God comes down to be somewhere specific (note Exodus 34:5), and that He “visits” people (Luke 1:68, 78; 7:16; 19:44). Thus the anointing soaks a person in the power and presence of God. When David was anointed King by Samuel, he was also anointed by God as king.

1. Note 1Samuel 16:13 and describe how the anointing of God changed David-

2. Saul was anointed as King before David was. How does First Samuel 26:9, and Second Samuel 1:14-16 show that David had a deep understanding of what the anointing involved?

The anointing can be recognised by others. Jesus declared that He was anointed by His Father (Luke 4:18). And we know that others readily recognised it (Matthew 13:54; John 3:2; Acts 10:38). The same was true of David (2Samuel 2:4; 5:3). When you are anointed, others can see it.

3. How did the anointing on David’s life affect him according to Second Samuel 12:7-8?

4. Does God remove His anointing when we fail Him? (Note Romans 11:29)
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5. When David fell and failed God, did Nathan the prophet declare that David's anointing had been revoked? (Note 2Samuel 12:9 and following verses)
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Many ministers have had a strong anointing on their ministry and then failed God in some way. Often these ministers go undetected by many in the Church who do not realise that this minister has fallen into sin, because the minister is still operating with their God-given anointing. People reason, "This man's life must be so right with God since he is flowing in such a strong anointing." But the strength of an anointing is not necessarily a reflection of how holy a person is.

6. What could anointed people who entertain sin eventually expect? (Note Luke 12:48; John 19:11)
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An anointed person who gets entangled in ongoing sin enters into a misery that deprives them from enjoying their anointing and their sin!

7. Read Psalm 51. How is the above statement verified by this Psalm?
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The anointing on a life is depleted however when a person takes the glory of their successes for themselves. Samuel told King Saul that God anointed him when he was little in his own eyes (1Samuel 15:7). Contrasted to this is David. When he fell into the entanglement of sin, he accepted responsibility for it without blaming or getting angry with God (note Psalm 51).

8. When David enjoyed tremendous success and fruitfulness in his life, he likewise had an anointed response. Note an example of this in Second Samuel 22:50-51 -
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9. What can we learn from David's anointing that may be applied to our lives?
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Amen.