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Prayer

Thank You Jesus for today and for the privilege to learn from You. We ask that You grant us understanding as we learn at Your feet tonight, in Jesus Name we pray. Amen.

Study

I welcome you all to tonight's bible study once again in the Name of The Lord Jesus Christ, it's wonderful to have you all here again to continue our preparations for the coming of our blessed Lord and savior Jesus Christ. If we look into the church today, we would see that majority of believers are after one particular thing just because of the prophecies that were spoken by the prophets of old which is to come to pass in this last days, It is good to seek for it but at the same time we must know what it takes or what it will take not to be consumed by it. And what I'm talking about is Anointing. Whenever you see an average Christian, what you'd hear next is "I need anointing to do exploits" yes, it is the will of God that you are anointed, it is His will that you walk in uncommon dimensions, but that is not all it takes to end well in the Christian faith. For this reason we would have to treat this topic to serve as an eye opener to this generation that there is more to anointing. Please follow closely as the Holy Ghost takes over.

1 Samuel 15:23 **For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.**

Today we would be examining the life of Saul deeply by God's grace, let's also see 1 Samuel 15:1 KJV **Samuel also said unto Saul, The Lord sent me to ANOINT thee to be king over his people, over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the Lord.** Here we see Samuel talking about anointing.

What is Anointing?

It is to put oil on someone or something as part of a religious ceremony, it is also to officially or formally choose someone to do or to be something, to choose by or as divine election.

From the above definitions we see that anointing has to do with purpose. A man cannot just be anointed without any purpose for which he was anointed. In the old testament

there are three kinds of anointing, which are.

1. The Leper's Anointing
2. The Priest's Anointing
3. The King's Anointing

We would not go deeply into these as we are heading towards a destination which is to know if the anointing is enough as many people think. Saul was a man favoured by God, he was anointed King by God so that he could fulfill God's mandate. God anointed Saul to fulfill a particular purpose which is to establish His own reign in Israel so he was supposed to rule the people and also punish those who are God's enemies which means he must be connected always to God if he wants to really exhibit or walk in the anointing God has placed upon him to be king over Israel work.

After Samuel anointed Saul, His first task was to destroy the amalekites. This was an instruction given directly by God. 1 Samuel 15:2-3 KJV Thus saith the Lord of hosts, **I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt. [3] Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.** But Saul did otherwise, so God later rejected him. One thing about God is that He is never at the mercy of any man, no one is irreplaceable to Him. If we look critically into the life of Saul we would see that he was a man whose heart was not always right with God, though he was the tallest in Israel then and very handsome. I know a lot of ladies then would have been rallying round about him so that he can marry them, smiles, because that is the kind of physique most ladies love even in this generation.

Mere looking at Saul as a lady you can fall in love with him, but what about the inner part of him? The kind of life he lived shows that at times appearance can be deceptive, we have many anointed people in the church today, who can bring the Spirit down during prayers, worship, sermons and you'd think that they are perfectly right with God but all are mere performances because most of them only come to church with their costumes to act like a saint for the few hours they are to spend in the church, not when they pull their costumes off at home all you'd be able to say about them is Jesus is Lord or it is well. We should not forget the instructions God gave Saul, but here we see that he went against the commandments of God. 1 Samuel 15:8-9 KJV **And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. [9] But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them:** but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly. After being disobedient he went on to offer sacrifice to God to appease Him, so Samuel made him to understand an important fact about God. 1 Samuel 15:22 KJV **And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat**

of rams. Saul did not know that God does not respect anyone who does not regard Him by obeying Him.

So he transgressed because he feared the people. 1 Samuel 15:24 KJV **And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.** God spoke and the people with him also spoke, but he chose to obey the voice of the people. When God anoints a man, it does not automatically mean that such a man would not be tried or tested to fall or to disobey God, In fact the moment you receive the anointing your chances of making mistakes increases because the devil will show up from different angles unless you are watchful enough and always in the Spirit. In this dispensation of The Holy Spirit we are more fortunate because the anointing is ever with us, just the way He was always with Christ. Acts 10:38 KJV **How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil for God was with him.**

Jesus Christ was anointed with the Holy Ghost and power, and we saw the result of that anointing which is He brought about goodness. Every anointing is meant to touch a particular aspect of one's life, Saul received the kingly anointing which supposed to have produced similar result but he failed. If as a man you are anointed by God to carry out a task you don't need to fear men, you don't have to bother about what people would say, they are free to say whatsoever they want to say, that is why they have mouths. This happens mostly to the ministers of The Gospel especially in this generation because the truth is scarce and people do not want to hear it for they have itching ears. Many tend to obey the voices of the people to teach them appealing messages instead of obeying God's voice.

If you are anointed by God and you want to end well, you have to always stand at God's side, because the moment you go against His word those who advised you to disobey Him might not be there to suffer the consequences with you. Saul placed the people above God. If we look into his life we would see that he was always sorry for his sins against God but did not see the need to repent. Saul's life shows that feeling sorry for one's wrong doing doesn't mean repentance.

You can be remorseful and not repent.

This can be seen when David spared Saul's life in 1 Samuel 24:16-17 KJV **And it came to pass, when David had made an end of speaking these words unto Saul, that Saul said, Is this thy voice, my son David? And Saul lifted up his voice, and wept. [17] And he said to David, Thou art more righteous than I: for thou hast rewarded me good, whereas I have rewarded thee evil.** He asked, *"is this your voice my son David?"* looking at the statement he made, one could see that David who was like the age range with Jonathan "Saul's son" should not be a rival to Saul, but Saul was filled with evil that he could not think right and wanted to kill David, he was then playing hide and seek with a person who is way younger than him. This means that you can be anointed to do exploits for God and

if not careful can same time keep an evil heart. God knew the kind of person Saul was yet he anointed him, listen beloved, don't measure the uprightness of a man with God through his anointing, If God could still anoint Saul as king over Israel despite the fact that he was filled with evil, he can use anybody, Just that at the end they would end up as borrowed vessels. The anointing of a man can eventually lead to his destruction.

Having realized that David spared his life, knowing within himself that he was not righteous like David because David rewarded him with good despite the fact that he meant evil for him, he lifted up his voice and wept, one would have thought Saul had repented from his evil ways, but it was later clear that though he was remorseful for his sins but he did not seek to change. Many people are like Saul during ministration when their wrongs are shown to them, they weep for their sins and lament so much that one would think that they would never go into such thing anymore but within a short while they are back into such sins they wept for, that was the case of Saul, he cried but did not seek to attend to the original root of his problem which is an impure heart; when we talk about the impurities of the heart some people only think it is all about lust, of course not! It's more than that, a heart that devices evil is impure, it is so clear that Saul's heart is so impure and polluted with jealousy, hatred, bitterness etc yet he was anointed. All these are present in his life, yet he claimed to have sinned but these things were not dealt with which made him go back.

The scriptures talks about rendering our hearts and not our garments. Saul did not bother to render his heart, he was only being emotional which is what is visible to the eyes, in that way he was rendering his garment leaving the invisible aspect behind which is to render his heart. For him to be able to have a healthy heart, it's not just to weep for his sins but also to move nearer to the God of Israel, he knew God but was not upright in his work with Him. For anyone who would be able to have genuine repentance that brings about change it must go beyond the level of being remorseful for one's sin but to the point of making a decision of getting things right. Why a lot of people these days cannot stand in the faith is because they only saw their wrongs and did not have a firm decision: coupled with total reliance on the Holy Spirit to assist them in their walk with God. Despite all of Saul's show of repentance even to the point of blaming himself and judging himself and making covenant with David he still continued in his evil ways.

No wonder the scripture says that an evil man out of the evil treasures of his heart brings forth evil. Saul still praying for David in verse 19 saying that may the Lord reward him with good for what he has done to him that day. 1 Samuel 24:19 KJV **For if a man find his enemy, will he let him go well away? wherefore the Lord reward thee good for that thou hast done unto me this day.** This tells us that because a man prays does not mean he is righteous or still in the right standing with God. Saul still prayed even in the name of the Lord yet he carried a murderous heart about, he knew that God had anointed David to be king over Israel after him yet he purposely worked against the will of God. Would a man who loves and know God behave this way? That is why for the fact that a man prays and perform religious rites does not make him approved by God, there are many people who others look up to nowadays that are working outside the will of

God and if one does not possess the Spirit of discernment he would be carried away by their ways and finally end up in hell. At least it was God that anointed Saul to be king over Israel and since he was anointed by God many would have been tempted to follow his ways even to the point that he backslided. Some people who God gave the Spirit of discernment might have told others that it seems our master has backslidden but many loyal followers of humans and not God would have shunned these people saying was it not God that anointed him as King whereas he had been rejected by God a long time ago.

This tells us that a man can be chosen and highly anointed but rejected. The moment Saul began to kick against God's commandments he got rejected. As ministers of The Gospel, God's interest is what we should always seek after because failure to listen and obey his voice would lead to us being rejected by Him. Saul was replaced while he was yet alive, there are many people whom we still hear of today, still performing miracles and doing well according to man's rating but have been rejected by God. Some of them knows about their replacements already, while others are still working in ignorance. There is a test of faithfulness that is being conducted by God on every of his servants, and many do fail this test, God told Saul to destroy all the Amalekites but he was not faithful enough but sort to bribe God.

For us to be able to pass God's test you must be so bent on making sure that you follow His instructions to the latter. Then that is when greater things can be committed into our hands. From Saul's life we see that what led to his fall was lack of obedience to God and character. David always fell into sin but would never repeat the same kind of sin twice, but Saul's case was quite different, his anointing did not wash away his character. Anointing without obedience and character is disaster, as children of God, we must work on our level of obedience to God if we do not want to crash on our heavenly journey like Saul, we must work on our characters too. These would prove to God and people that indeed God is our Father. May the Lord help us to be obedient to Him always in Jesus name. Amen.

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