

**RCMI L-Path Teaching**  
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**TITLE:** ANOINTING MATTERS

**TEXT:** Exodus 30: 22-32; 1 John 2:20

**Big Idea:** Anointing matters to God because it's the only thing acceptable to Him, the only thing He uses for His purposes, and the only thing that causes divine transformation.

Introduction

- The call to press on is not some aimless race. Paul said to press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called us heavenward in Christ Jesus.
- The only way to accomplish this is through the quickening power of the Holy Spirit. But Ptr. Larry Stockstill perfectly summarizes the main problem that arises from this pursuit. He says, "Many men today are running on adrenaline and not anointing."
- There's a difference between regular singing and anointed singing; between regular preaching and anointed preaching; between having church and having an anointed church service? It's time that you knew that anointing matters!

**I. Anointing alone is acceptable to God.** [Exo. 30: 31-32]

- To be anointed means to be set apart, empowered, or protected; and the act of "anointing" or "being anointed" involves being smeared or rubbed with oil as part of a religious ceremony to make someone or something sacred.
- This word is often used in the Old Testament in recognition of the Lord's divine calling upon the lives of individuals. Anointing was also used as a physical recognition of the particular role or office of people such as kings, prophets, or priests.
- In the New Testament, however, we see that anointing is not limited to prophets and priests -- it is the birthright of every born-again child of God.
- *"But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth."* - 1 John 2:20
- The Greek word for anointing in 1 John 2 is '*charisma*.' It's the compelling attractiveness or charm that can inspire devotion in others. The anointing here has the idea of being filled with and blessed by the Holy Spirit.
- *The anointing is a divine enablement for us to accomplish God's purposes on earth.* God's work cannot be done through human might and power, only by His Spirit.
- Immature Christians are deceived into thinking that spiritual growth could be achieved through the works of the flesh instead of continued faith and abiding in Jesus. Early on in their Christian life, many started in full dependence on the Holy Spirit. However, as they got older and learn to do things on their own, they revert to the old ways and rely on their flesh, and ignore the Holy Spirit.
- A verse in the book of Joel said, *"In the last days, I will pour out My Spirit."* The Holy Spirit doesn't want to just lightly touch you, He wants to saturate you with the anointing upon your life.

**II. Anointing alone is what God uses for His purposes.** [Exo. 30: 26-29a, 30]

- The Holy Spirit is the author of the Holy Scripture. We can't begin to understand the eternal revelations of truth except by the oil of the Spirit. Whenever we study the Bible, we should invite Him to anoint our eyes to see and our ears to hear what He is saying to us.
- The anointing of the Spirit brings to light the gifts and abilities He has given us. We need to be "anointed with fresh oil" regularly. (Ps. 92:10)
- Charles Spurgeon said, "Never try to live on the old manna, nor seek to find help in Egypt ... Old anointings will not suffice to impart unction to thy spirit; thine head must have fresh oil poured upon it from the golden horn of the sanctuary, or it will cease from its glory."

### III. Anointing alone causes divine transformation. [Exodus 30:29; 1 Samuel 16:13]

- When Samuel went to Jesse's house to anoint a king, none of the sons brought out to the prophet was God's choice. After being asked if he had any other sons, Jesse admitted that his youngest son, David, was out in the fields taking care of the sheep. David was brought in from the fields to stand before the prophet and Samuel knew that he was the chosen one. Samuel anointed David with oil, consecrating him to the Lord's purpose, and David's life was never the same. The Spirit of the Lord was on him from that day forward.
- **This story tells us that anointing matters.** It is the difference between someone overseeing a flock of sheep and a king ruling a nation.
- The anointing matters in the church, in the government, in business, in our schools, and in our homes; and the good news is that it's for everyone. **Nothing can take the place of the anointing. We can't fake the anointing.**

### CHALLENGE:

- We need to be filled with the fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit!
- It is the Holy Spirit's job to produce Christ-like character in you. You can't be sanctified and reproduce the character of Jesus on your own or by your strength. New Year's resolutions, willpower, and best intentions are not enough, we need the Holy Spirit's infilling.
- Anointing matters to God! It's the only thing acceptable to Him, the only thing He uses for His purposes, and the only thing that causes divine transformation.

### DISCUSSION

1. What does it mean to be anointed by the Holy Spirit? Explain.
2. Why is anointing important in the life of a Christian?
3. How can you keep yourself filled with the Holy Spirit? Share.