

The Anointing Oil

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments. (Psalm 133:1, 2)

The oil with which the priests were anointed is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. We need the Holy Spirit, the only One who can bring unity to our church, in order to succeed in our mission endeavors.

When the Holy Spirit controls the minds of our church members, there will be seen in our churches a much higher standard in speech, in ministry, in spirituality, than is now seen. There will be a healthy increase of unity and love, which will bear testimony to the world that God sent His Son to die for the redemption of sinners. (Counsels for the Church, p. 100)

Those who are really under the influence of the Holy Spirit will reveal its power by a practical application of the eternal principles of truth. They will reveal that the holy oil is emptied from the two olive branches into the chambers of the soul temple. Their words will be imbued with the power of the Holy Spirit to soften and subdue the heart. It will be manifest that the words spoken are spirit and life. (Reflecting Christ, p. 130)

Let us increase in a knowledge of the truth, giving all praise and glory to Him who is one with the Father. Let us seek most earnestly for the heavenly anointing, the Holy Spirit. Let us have a pure, growing Christianity, that in the heavenly courts we may at last be pronounced complete in Christ. (Reflecting Christ, p. 219)

Please read the following passages and reflect on how the anointing of the Holy Spirit will transform our lives.

- 1 Samuel 16:1-13
- Zachariah 4:1-14
- Matthew 25:1-13
- John 16:8, 13
- Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1-5

There must be an interchange of taking in and giving out, receiving and imparting. This links us up as laborers together with God. This is the lifework of the Christian. He that will lose his life shall find it. The capacity for receiving the holy oil from the two olive trees is increased as the receiver empties that holy oil out of himself in word and action to supply the necessities of other souls. Work, precious, satisfying work—to be constantly receiving and constantly imparting. We need and must have fresh supplies every day. All heaven is waiting for channels through which can be poured the holy oil, to be a joy and a blessing to others. The divine fullness will flow through the consecrated human agent to be given forth to others. (Testimonies for the Church, vol. 6, pp. 116, 117)