



THE POWERFUL ANOINTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



“The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me, for the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released, and prisoners will be freed.” Isaiah 61:1 NLT

In the Old Testament the Holy Spirit was anointing with supernatural power and authority kings, prophets, and priests. God sent his messengers to anoint these three specific offices in Israel. Anointing was a sign or seal God put on those who He had chosen for that special “office” or ministry, which He had called them to perform. Yet, it was not in a sense of status or privilege, rather it was His seal of grace, power, and authority God put on each of them. He appointed some specific individuals to become leaders and to fulfill His mission to his chosen people. So, when God anointed a king, a prophet, or a priest, it just meant they were chosen by God to do His mission with Israel. God enabled them with the Spirit power to perform their specific office or ministry.

Samuel, for instance, was the man God used to anoint Saul and David as kings of Israel. He anointed them with oil as symbol of

authority, leadership, and ministry. Oil was also symbol of the Holy Spirit poured out on them to indicate their consecration and faithfulness. The Holy Spirit came upon them to give them empowerment to fulfill the task or mission God had laid upon them. Anointing, thus, was the divine power they received to fulfill the mission God had called them to do for his people Israel in such manner that his people could fulfill God' mission among other nations.

Jesus himself is the Anointed One, the Messiah, or the Christ. As Isaiah the prophet announced Jesus' ministry and mission to his chosen people. "The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me, for the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor." (Is.61:1) We know Jesus is the Messiah king who came as a fulfillment of this prophecy. He announced to those gathered in the synagogue when he stood to read Isaiah's scroll in his hometown, Nazareth, that Sabbath Day.

As Christians, we believe Jesus Christ is the Messiah-King who came to fulfill God's salvific mission for his people and for the whole world as well. We read in the Scriptures about the divine design the LORD established to fulfill His mission even since the Genesis when God created the entire universe.

In the book of Revelation, we also read about the LORD Almighty, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning, and the end, who will bring a new creation after the perfect fulfillment of his

mission in this world. The LORD has prepared already everything according to his Word which he revealed to His prophets. Meantime, God is working in systematic order, and He still is working, organizing His plan or divine design, and His Law.

What, then, is God's mission? How, and why He is using the powerful anointing of the Holy Spirit? Our LORD started His mission since the beginning, as we read in the Old Testament. But, when Jesus Christ came as a fulfillment of God's mission to his people Israel, as Isaiah's prophecy announced, it was God's purpose to save his chosen people first, but after Israel rejected Jesus as the promised Messiah, our Lord and Savior gave his Great Commission to his apostles and disciples just before he was taken up into heaven. Now, Jesus' mission must be fulfilled here on earth through all his followers. Jesus' messianic mission is our mission today.

We need to pray for the powerful anointing of the Holy Spirit upon all of us. We must fulfill God's mission and we must pray for the Holy Spirit anointing today. We must pray eagerly until God the Father send us His Holy Spirit to pour out on us his divine anointing, his power and authority, so that we may be empowered to proclaim the Good News and to make disciples in all the nations.