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THE ANOINTING

In Isaiah 10:27 it says, ***“and it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.”*** The word anointing in Hebrew is shemen, which means to grease especially from a liquid as from the olive; it also means ointment. The root word is shaman, which means to shine. So, the anointing on a person has put enough oil or grease on a person to make them shine.

In the Old Testament we read in Psalm 23 that the shepherd anointed the head of the sheep. It had a purpose. The greasy oil would keep the bugs out of the sheep's nose and eyes. Parasites would die in the grease.

Priests would be anointed with oil to set them apart for service. The anointing represents the presence of the Holy Spirit. Figuratively in Psalm 23, we are the sheep, and the Holy Spirit on us keeps the bugs out of our lives. It keeps us slippery to the point that when the enemies of God shoot their darts, they just slide off us and are destroyed in the oil (anointing). We must keep oily to have this work by continually spending time with Holy Spirit.

The presence of God, the Holy Spirit in our lives is the anointing that destroys the yoke. The more time we spend in communion with Holy Spirit, the more oil comes on us. We become a weapon against Satan just by being anointed. We are able to resist his attacks because of this anointing on us.

Jesus started his ministry after the Holy Spirit anointed him. When he was baptized in water and came up out of it the Holy Spirit descended upon him and anointed him. He spent much time in the presence of his Father and communion with Holy Spirit. He taught much about the Holy Spirit in John chapter 14.

Holy Spirit is a vital part of the Christian's walk. So often churches don't teach about the third part of the Trinity because they don't know him personally. You can't be saved without the anointing of the Holy Spirit drawing you to Christ. When you are saved, Holy Spirit's anointing resides in you, but when you are baptized in the Holy Spirit the Holy Spirit's anointing flows out of you.

It is vital that a Christian has the anointing of God working in their lives. Again, it only comes through spending time with Holy Spirit. Anyone can be anointed but only those that have a passion for God and spend time with Him will have a strong anointing. I pray that this is your desire so that you can be powerful for Jesus. Remember the anointing “destroys” yokes and removes burdens. Every believer can acquire it if they are willing to spend the time it takes to acquire it.