

Theme: The anointed kings of Israel serve as a picture of Jesus, the Anointed One, Who faithfully rules us forever and has anointed us with the Spirit.

I. Marching in Presidential Inauguration

- A. I was allowed to march in President Reagan's first inauguration
- B. A great privilege - but took a long time!
- C. We install people into important offices with ceremony
- D. This was done in Israel by anointing
- E. What is anointing? Why is important? Does it relate to us today?

II. The Anointing of King Saul

- A. Saul is anointed as king of Israel
Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on Saul's head and kissed him, saying, "Has not the Lord anointed you leader over his inheritance?" 1 Samuel 10:1
 - 1. This is the ancient method of installing kings
 - 2. Saul as the anointed in mentioned in 9:16; 10:1; 12:3 and 12:5
 - 3. Some form of anoint occurs 16 times in 1 Samuel 9-21 - 12 refer to Saul and 4 to David
 - 4. 25% of occurrences of some form of anoint in historical books refer to Saul
 - 5. Saul is related to anointing more than any other king!
- B. This is the continuation of the great beginning

- 1. It is leaving no doubt - Saul is chosen, called, anointed
- 2. If the story does not end well - it is Saul's fault!

III. The Importance of Anointing

A. Anointing in the Old Testament

- 1. People leading God's people were anointed
 - a. Priests
After you put these clothes on your brother **Aaron and his sons, anoint and ordain them. Consecrate them so they may serve me as priests.** Exod. 28:41
 - b. Prophets
Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and **anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet.** 1 Kings 19:16
 - c. Kings - Saul, David - even Jehu! (1 Ki. 19:16)
- 2. Items associated with worship were anointed
Then Moses took the anointing oil and anointed the tabernacle and everything in it, and so consecrated them. Leviticus 8:10
- 3. King Cyrus the Persian was God's anointed to deliver Israel
This is what **the Lord says to his anointed, to Cyrus,** whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their armor, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut: Isaiah 45:1
- 4. Most often this was done with kings of Israel - as Saul

B. Understanding anointing

1. The basic meaning is to rub, usually with oil - but it could also be poured on someone or something

2. The physical act was symbolic of someone being set apart to do a task for Yahweh

Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on Saul's head and kissed him, saying, "Has not the Lord anointed you leader over his inheritance?" 1 Samuel 10:1

"About this time tomorrow I will send you a man from the land of Benjamin. Anoint him leader over my people Israel; he will deliver my people from the hand of the Philistines. I have looked upon my people, for their cry has reached me." 1 Sam. 9:16

- a. Saul is here being set apart as king to deliver the people from their enemies
- b. This is why all of the signs are given in vv2-5 - confirmation that the anointing was real
- c. In similar manner temple articles, priests, prophets - even Cyrus - set apart by God for a task

3. Anointing symbolic of Spirit's empowerment & presence

The Spirit of the Lord will come upon you in power, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be changed into a different person. Once these signs are fulfilled, do whatever your hand finds to do, for God is with you... When they arrived at Gibeah, a procession of prophets met him; the Spirit of God came upon him in power, and he joined in their prophesying. 1 Samuel 10:6-7,10

IV. The LORD's Anointed King

A. All of the anointed ones in the OT were types of Christ

Here I stand. Testify against me in the presence of the Lord and his anointed. 1 Samuel 12:3

1. Anointed משיח - "Messiah", and Χριστός - "Christ"

2. Led to the expectation of THE Messiah/Christ
The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ)." John 1:41

B. The LORD's Anointed One - Jesus!

1. The Messiah/Christ/Anointed One would come and fulfill all of these types and shadows

- a. He would be the High Priest over God's people
- b. He would be the great Prophet of God
- c. He would be the Temple of God
- d. He would deliver God's people from their enemy
- e. The Spirit would be given Him without measure

2. Jesus is the LORD's Anointed One!

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Luke 4:18-19

- a. The announcement of Jesus' ministry!
- b. He is anointed by the Spirit to deliver!
- c. The Messiah comes and announces Jubilee!
- d. Freedom from sin and Satan - not just debts and Philistines!

C. Our anointing in Christ

1. All who are in Christ are anointed now!

Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, ²² set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. 2 Corinthians 1:21–22

- a. He marks us as the people of God
- b. He gives the Spirit to us to live in us!
- c. He makes us stand firm in the faith!
- d. He guarantees what is to come, keeps us to the end!

2. This is the riches of the new covenant

- a. No longer is anointing limited to a few
- b. No longer do we live in the time of types & shadows
- c. In Christ we are all prophets, priests and kings
- d. In Christ we are all given the Spirit fully
- e. In Christ we are empowered and kept by the Spirit!

V. Applying the Word - Embracing the Anointed King

A. Have you embraced the Anointed King - Jesus?

1. He is the One who has come to deliver you!
2. All other delivers and kings will fail - like Saul!
3. Jesus has come and conquered - receive Him!
4. If you have never consciously submitted to Him as

Lord - do so today!

B. Embracing our anointing in Christ

1. If you are a believer - you have been anointed!
2. Don't live as if you were not anointed in Christ!
3. Don't look back and reenact types and shadows
4. Don't believe others have to mediate for you
5. In Christ, you are God's anointed!
6. This week - walk and serve in the Spirit's power!

C. Closing response prayer - embracing Christ & anointing

The LORD's Anointed King

1 Samuel 10-12 (1 Samuel 10:1-10)

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Prayer

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

Now may God make you stand firm in Christ, anoint you, set his seal of ownership on you, and fill you with his Spirit - the deposit Who guarantees what is to come. 2 Corinthian 1:21–22

Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on Saul's head and kissed him, saying, "Has not the Lord anointed you leader over his inheritance?"² When you leave me today, you will meet two men near Rachel's tomb, at Zelzah on the border of Benjamin. They will say to you, "The donkeys you set out to look for have been found. And now your father has stopped thinking about them and is worried about you. He is asking, "What shall I do about my son?"

³ "Then you will go on from there until you reach the great tree of Tabor. Three men going up to God at Bethel will meet you there. One will be carrying three young goats, another three loaves of bread, and another a skin of wine.⁴ They will greet you and offer you two loaves of bread, which you will accept from them.

⁵ "After that you will go to Gibeah of God, where there is a Philistine outpost. As you approach the town, you will meet a procession of prophets coming down from the high place with lyres, tambourines, flutes and harps being played before them, and they will be prophesying.⁶ The Spirit of the Lord will come upon you in power, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be changed into a different person.⁷ Once these signs are fulfilled, do whatever your hand finds to do, for God is with you.

⁸ "Go down ahead of me to Gilgal. I will surely come down to you to sacrifice burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, but you must wait seven days until I come to you and tell you what you are to do."

⁹ As Saul turned to leave Samuel, God changed Saul's heart, and all these signs were fulfilled that day.¹⁰ When they arrived at Gibeah, a procession of prophets met him; the

Spirit of God came upon him in power, and he joined in their prophesying.

1 Samuel 10:1–10