

Title: Anointed to Lead, Appointed to Serve
Text 1 Samuel 16:10-13; Ps 23:5

Introduction

I have been quite engaged over the last several days with the political scene, both in New York and nationally. The governor of NY has now resigned amidst a sexual scandal that indicates he spent over \$80,000 on services from a “call-girl” ring. We have McCain with the Republican nomination and Hillary and Barack fighting for the Democratic nomination. All three candidates are making promises of what they will do to make this country better for you and I. Parenthetically; I am not here to endorse any one party over another. What really troubled me in the last presidential race is how the Christian right basically endorsed George Bush as “God’s choice for President.” Now it’s okay to have strong political convictions, but I’ve never heard of a divide at the Jordan River saying Democrats to the left and Republicans to the right.

If the truth be told, I've seen behavior on both sides that would not please God. I don't think you are any more Christian if you vote Republican, or any less if you vote Democrat. Just participant in the political process, know the candidates and the issues they represent.

There was a time when leaders were anointed. In the 30th Chapter of Exodus we see Aaron and his sons were anointed priests. We later see Saul anointed as the first King of Israel. But if there is any one biblical character that helps us understand the anointing – it’s David.

Keep in mind that the scripture speaks about four kinds of anointing:

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- 1) There was an anointing of respect or hospitality. Oil was poured over the body of a person to signify respect and hospitality. This was also a way to welcome guests into your home. (Luke 7:46; Mk 14:8; 16:1)
- 2) There was an anointing for service, for the prophets (1 Ki. 19:16), for priests (EX 28:41), and for Kings (1 Sam 10:1).
- 3) There is an anointing for medicinal purposes (IS 1:6; Lk 10:34; Jas 5:14 & Rev 3:18). And the 4th anointing that summarizes them all.
- 4) There is the anointing of Jesus Christ, God's Son. He is the literally "the anointed one."

Acts 10: 38 reads, "*how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.*"

Luke 4:18-19 reads, "*The Spirit of the Lord is upon 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, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.*"

So understand that anointing means spiritual power, doing good, healing, proclaiming freedom for prisoners, release for the oppressed and proclaiming the Lord's favor.

I. David was anointed young

- Like other young men that God used, Jeremiah was sanctified in the womb and Timothy was young and timid

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- He was a man after God's own heart (He wanted the things of God)
- As a shepherd he was accustomed with anointing oil, but in another way
 - 1) Shepherds anointed sheep with perfumed oil to keep flies from depositing their larvae into the noses of sheep
 - 2) Shepherds also lubricated the horns of rams to prevent them from hurting each other while battling during mating season, and
 - 3) Shepherds used anointing oil as a healing lubricant for wounded animals
- Although he was young, he did not use that as an excuse to under perform
 - a) David knew who he was (17:33-34)
 - ✓ He had already killed a bear and a lion
 - ✓ Taking care of sheep was not an easy task
 - ✓ He would soon kill Goliath, the mighty Philistine champion (17:48-50)
 - b) David knew who God is (17:37)
 - ✓ He understood the promise to Abraham (Gen 12:3)
 - ✓ He could join Ezekiel (1:16) in saying He is a wheel in the middle of a wheel
 - ✓ He could join Isaiah (54:17) in saying, "no weapon formed against you shall prosper"

- Ironically, David almost missed his anointing as he was tending the sheep and Samuel looked at his brother Eliab and thought he was the one.
- As God's anointed the devil would not be able to deposit his flies in him, Like Rams, David would be anointed for battle and for healing for any wounds

II. David's anointing was a sign of sanctification

- Consecration is a complete yielding, making oneself available
- Whereas sanctification is God setting you aside for his work and for his purpose
- Rom 12:1-2 says, "I beseech you brethren ... offer yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy..."
- God wants us to yield and make ourselves completely available to him
- We are sanctified as God bestows his holiness on us in a heart cleansing experience

III. Saul stood in the way of David's appointment (chap 18,19,ff)

- ✓ Saul represents that person or enemy that stands in your way to thwart you from the calling and position that God has for you

IV. David did not receive his appointment until later

- 2 Samuel 2:1, 4, tell us that David was finally anointed King of Israel

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- Notice that he first received his private anointing from Samuel before his public appointing from the men of Judah

- Today as students know that you've been anointed by God

- Know that God is with you as you prepare for ministry here at NBC

- So many have claimed to be called, but were weeded out during the preparation process

- Once you have been anointed and made preparations, know that God has a place just for you!

- We need more anointed leaders to serve - Are you ready to serve?