

The Surprising Connection Between the Anointing and the Blood

Every day in prayer I thank God for the work of the cross and the blood of Jesus Christ. Because the blood was shed there for our sins, the Holy Spirit came, and today we can know and experience God's anointing on our lives and work.

When we are empowered by the oil of the Holy Spirit, we are freed from the chains of bondage. The prophet Isaiah wrote:

It shall come to pass in that day that his burden will be taken away from your shoulder, and his yoke from your neck, and the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil (Isa. 10:27).



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Every time I am touched by the power of God I feel like the psalmist who declared, "Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered" (Ps. 68:1). The anointing of God is something special that we must cherish. We should not let it be weakened or forgotten about. And it is the blood of the Lamb that makes the anointing of the Holy Spirit possible.

Wherever the blood was in the Old Covenant, the glory descended and consumed the sacrifice. For example, when Moses offered up the sacrifices, the Word of God says the fire descended and consumed the sacrifice. Whenever the blood was applied, the glory descended and the cloud filled the tabernacle.

If you want God to anoint you today, apply the blood afresh on your life. The anointing oil throughout Scripture represents the work of the Holy Spirit in consecrating and empowering for service.

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It is essential to understand that God anoints what the blood has covered. The anointing of the Holy Spirit follows the blood. The anointing oil was sprinkled seven times—God's number of completion—to represent the reception of a total anointing.

I believe the anointing of the Holy Spirit multiplies and expands the benefits of the blood, enabling the believer to live an overcoming, victorious life. When the blood is applied to our hearing, we will not hear the enemy's voice; then God brings the anointing so we can hear His voice. When the blood is applied to our hands, the devil cannot touch our work for God; then the anointing multiplies our efforts. When the blood is applied to our walk, then God anoints our steps so that we can walk with Him.

God wants to cover us totally from head to toe with the oil of His Spirit—our thoughts, our sight, our words and our entire lives.

Not only do we have the atonement of the blood, but we have the anointing of the Holy Spirit. {eoa}

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