

3 KEYS TO GAIN THE ANOINTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

INTRODUCTION: The Anointing of the Holy Spirit is indeed for us to accomplish the works of God, Lk.4:14-19, Zech. 4:6, Acts 1:8. There are important keys to help us to enter into having the anointing.

KEY #1: RELATIONSHIP. The Holy Spirit can come to us from 2 directions: either vertically from heaven (by personal relationship with God) or horizontally from anointed servants of God (by our personal relationship with them).

- A. From our relationship with God: Many times the Lord pours out His Spirit upon us directly from heaven as we are seeking God.
 - 1. The disciples of Christ had been waiting on the Lord for ten days before the Lord baptized them with the Holy Spirit, Lk.24:49, Acts 2:1-4
 - 2. Joshua waited upon the Lord, to increase his relationship with the Lord, Ex. 33:11. This helped him to gain the anointing that caused the Lord to choose him to become the next leader of the Israelites, Num. 27:18-20
 - 3. We need to learn to wait upon the Lord, and enter into the moving of the Holy Spirit, Is.40:31, Jn.3:8, Acts 2:2.
- B. From our relationship with the anointed servants of God: Many times the Lord will seek to bring us to close to anointed servants of God, that they may train us and impart to us an anointing of the Holy Spirit.
 - 1. Moses and Joshua- Moses imparted a further anointing to Joshua, that prepared Joshua to carry on the work of Moses as the next leader of Israel, Num.27:18, Deut.34:9.
 - 2. Paul had imparted a spiritual gift to his spiritual son Timothy, 2 Tim.1:6.
 - 3. Elijah gave his mantle (the anointing of a prophet) to his servant and spiritual son Elisha, 1Kings. 19:16 & 19-21, 2 Kings 3:11-12.

KEY #2: OBEDIENCE. God gives the Holy Spirit to those who obey Him, Acts 5:32.

- A. the Lord gave Saul an anointing of the Holy Spirit to equip him to be the King of Israel, 1 Samuel 10:1 & 5-6. But when King Saul began to disobey God, God judged him by sending an evil spirit to anoint him, 1 Samuel 16:14, 15:23. 18:10-11, 19:19-24. Saul killed the priests, tried to kill David many times, and then went to the witch and later committed suicide.
- B. Jesus obeyed the Father and was filled with the Holy Spirit when He was water baptized, Lk.3:21-22. When Jesus obeyed in further way (and fasted for 40 days in the wilderness) He then received a further work of the anointing, through which He was given the power of the Holy Spirit, Lk.4:14.
- C. Elijah had a servant who had followed him during the times of revival (1 Kings 18:43) but who did not follow him in the difficult times (1 Kings 19:3) so he did not receive as impartation from Elijah's ministry. Elijah had many sons of the prophets who he trained for ministry, but they did not fully follow him (2 Kings 2:3-7) so they only received part of his prophetic anointing. Elisha was fully faithful to follow Elijah (2 Kings 2:2,4 & 6) so he received the full mantle of Elijah to become the next national prophet, 2 Kings 2:9-15. We must be faithful to God *and* to His anointed servants!

KEY #3 TIMING: The Lord has progressive anointings He wants to give us, as we become prepared and as it becomes the time when we will need the new anointing.

- A. David received three anointings in his life, which each gave him what he needed at each stage of his life to fulfill the will of God, 1 Sam.16:13, 2 Sam.2:4, 2 Sam.5:4.
- B. Elisha was touched by the mantle of Elijah in 1 Kings 19:29-21. At this time the Holy Spirit began to move his life as he followed Elijah and served him. Years later, Elisha received the mantle of Elijah, and was anointed to become the next national prophet of Israel, 2 Kings. 2:9 & 14-15

CONCLUSION: We need to learn these 3 keys because the Lord is preparing to pour out great anointings of the Holy Spirit upon His people in these Last Days, Joel 2:28-29. Mighty mantles of the anointing will be given, to anoint God's servants to prepare the world for the second coming of Christ, Mal.4:5, Lk.1:17.