

Manifesting The Anointing Pt. 1

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In this teaching, titled "Manifesting the Anointing," we will examine how having a "God consciousness" helps us to understand who we are and what we have available to us in our inheritance because we are children of God. We will discuss what it takes to be a people who manifest the anointing and those who dispense the glory of God in the earth.

MANIFESTING THE ANOINTING

Before we begin this teaching, I want to invite you to join with me in prayer. Just let the Holy Spirit descend on your heart, bringing a fresh revelation of "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27).

God, we want to ask You for the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. Jesus, please give us a revelation of Your presence, a revelation of Your power. God, we want to know who You are, who we are, and what we have. So, God, I pray today to receive a much greater awareness of You. Thank You, in Jesus' mighty name.

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE HAVE

Before we examine how to manifest the anointing, we need to understand who we are and what we have available to us as an inheritance because we are sons and daughters of God. Three Scriptures, spoken by the apostle Paul, in the Book of Romans in the 8th chapter, lay a foundation concerning this.

"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death" (v. 2).

"For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father'" (v. 15).

"And if children, then heirs -- heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together" (v. 17).

We can see that we are children of God, heirs, set free from the law of sin and death, and we have an inheritance in Christ. (I'll speak more about our responsibility to set people free from the law of sin and death later in this teaching.) We need to come to understand who we are and what we have by developing a God consciousness. This awareness will give believers the first key they need to unlock God's power concerning manifesting the anointing.

Also, I believe that a time is coming when God will reveal and manifest His glory in us. So let's continue in the Book of Romans with more revelation by the apostle Paul.

"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

"For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. Not only that, but we also who have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body." Romans 8:18-23

Paul explains that creation itself and those who are gripped by sin (sickness, disease, death, and decay), long to be set free from sin's evil power. But before deliverance can come, the body of Christ needs a revelation of who we are and what we have. We need to understand what it means to be set free from the law of sin and death, which is: sickness, disease, and poverty; and what it means to be joint heirs with an inheritance.

This understanding and revelation is "the revealing and the manifestation of the sons and daughters of God."

BEING SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF GOD

God wants to put inside our hearts the revelation of what it really means to be His sons and daughters. As believers, when we come into a greater understanding of this, we will step into the kind of ministry that brings the earth, and the world that's in corruption, into what we call "the glorious liberty of the children of God."

This glorious liberty means freedom from the law of sin, sickness, disease, and death. And so there is a deliverance that is taking place in creation called "the glorious liberty of the children of God" where the sons and daughters of God are being revealed as they walk in the manifestation of the anointing. In fact, this is what it means to be ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:19-20).

Ambassadors have a job to do: set the captives free, break the curse of the law, and expose/destroy the work of the devil. They help others come to understand the magnitude of their inheritance as sons and daughters, who are adopted by the Father and those who are destined to manifest the anointing. Ambassadors for Christ do not want people to focus their attention on them, but rather that people would see and feel Jesus and His presence being released through them.

God wants His sons and daughters to walk victoriously, triumphantly, conquering and overcoming the enemy. His desire is to see His children walking in God consciousness -- possessing and manifesting the anointing like the apostles Peter, Paul, Moses, and the prophet Elisha.

HOW IS HIS ANOINTING MANIFESTED?

Jesus is the Son of God, who perfectly modeled the manifest anointing. His anointing for healing touched many people, sometimes through His personal laying on of hands, or when someone touched His clothing.

"And they begged Him that they might only touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched it were made perfectly well." Matthew 14:36

Power actually manifested on the clothes of Jesus, and that's why, when the woman with the issue of blood touched the hem of His garment, she was healed (Matthew 9:21-22). He was carrying the power of the Lord, which is present to heal, because He was carrying substance on His life, the manifest anointing.

The apostle Peter was a son of God who possessed and understood the manifestation of the anointing. In Acts 5 we read how Peter carried such a great anointing that when people brought the sick on their beds and couches out onto the streets of Jerusalem, the shadow of Peter would heal their sicknesses. I'm not referring to the natural shadow of Peter, but rather to the same shadow that came upon Mary and overshadowed her with the power of the Most High when she conceived Jesus. It's the overshadowing of the presence and canopy of the Holy Spirit.

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