

The Anointing That Breaks Chains

CENTRAL QUESTION:

What does the Bible mean by “the anointing,” and how can we walk in real Holy Spirit power instead of a fake, powerless version of Christianity?

I. GOD IS STILL KING IN YOUR CHAOS

Opening Emphasis:

God is still in control, no matter what your situation looks like.

What This Means for Us:

- Jesus is still alive, King of kings and Lord of lords.
- Addiction, broken relationships, financial lack, or any circumstance cannot stop God from being God.
- God can deliver from addiction, heal relationships, and provide when we choose to follow Him.

II. HARD TRUTH IN LOVE: THE HEART OF A TRUE PASTOR

Picture: Pastor vs. “Just a Friend”

- A real pastor, like a real parent, sometimes has to say “no” and speak hard truths.
- Our culture calls biblical truth “hate,” but warning about sin is actually love.

The Reality of Sin:

- Sin is still sin, no matter how we dress it up.
- Sin is contrary to God and will ultimately send people to hell if not repented of.

III. WHAT IS THE ANOINTING?

Key Scripture: 2 Kings 9:5–6

Common Picture:

- We think of anointing as pouring oil on someone for prayer, healing, or deliverance.
- At Hope City, anointing with oil is taken seriously as a command of God.

Beyond the Oil:

- There is also the anointing of the Spirit—the power and presence of the Holy Ghost on a person’s life.
- The anointing is for healing, deliverance, and empowerment to do what God has called us to do.

IV. THE PROBLEM IN THE MODERN CHURCH

Observation from the Road:

- Many large church buildings everywhere—but our communities are still spiritually lost.
- There are enough churches that there “shouldn’t be one sinner,” yet darkness still dominates many areas.

What’s Missing:

- It’s not buildings, screens, or technology that we lack.
- We are missing the manifest presence and anointing of the Holy Spirit in our churches.

V. A DREAM OF REAL ANOINTING

The Dream:

- A larger building, packed with people from all over the country.
- Miracles and healings happening—even outside in the parking lot.
- A twisted, deformed leg straightened by the power of Jesus’ name.

Key Insight:

- God wants houses where His anointing is so real that miracles, healings, and deliverance are normal.
- The cry: “There needs to be a miracle in the house. There needs to be anointing in the house.”

VI. REAL VS. FAKE ANOINTING

Biblical Insight:

- Even Lucifer was called “the anointed cherub” – there can be a twisted, counterfeit anointing.

Examples of Fake Anointing:

- Talent without truth and holiness (celebrity culture, entertainment, AI “artists”).
- Charisma behind the pulpit but no prayer life and no integrity in private.
- Ministers who speak well but live in sin, use wrong language, and lack a consecrated life.

What Real Anointing Requires:

- A life of prayer, repentance, and holiness before God.
- Not just gifts, notes, and good communication—but a clean life and a true walk with God.
- A hunger in the church for more of God’s genuine anointing in worship, preaching, and daily living.

VII. JEHU’S ANOINTING: A CASE STUDY

Key Scripture: 2 Kings 9

Spiritual Context:

- Jehu: son of Jehoshaphat, captain in Israel’s army, raised seeing God’s power in battle.
- Israel and Judah are divided and spiritually corrupted.

- Joram (king of Israel) follows the ways of his mother Jezebel.

Jezebel's Spirit:

- More than a person—it represents:
 - Deception
 - Sexual immorality
 - Witchcraft and manipulation
- She introduced whoredom and idolatry into Israel.

The Nation's Condition:

- Israel is “a mess,” much like America today—tolerant of everything, offended by biblical truth, calling conviction “hate.”

VIII. JEHU'S CALL AND ANOINTING

The Secret Anointing:

- Elisha sends a young prophet with a box of oil to find Jehu.
- Jehu is pulled aside into an inner room, and gallons of oil are poured over his head.
- He is anointed king over Israel and commissioned to wipe out Ahab's and Jezebel's evil influence.

Visible Evidence:

- Jehu comes out drenched in oil—his beard, clothes, and the floor soaked.
- The other captains see the oil and know something serious has happened.
- They demand to know: “What did this madman say to you? What did he anoint you to do?”

Immediate Response:

- When they hear he's been anointed king, they lay their coats under him and blow trumpets: “Jehu is king!”
- True anointing moves people from talk to action.

IX. THE ANOINTING IN ACTION: CONFRONTING EVIL HEAD-ON

Jehu's March:

- Jehu doesn't just sit and talk; he gets in his chariot with a few committed men and rides out.
- He goes to confront Joram and Ahaziah, who are together in the same place.

The Confrontations:

- Messengers come asking, “Is it peace?” Jehu responds, “What do you know about peace? Fall in behind me.”

- The messengers recognize something kingly and anointed about Jehu and join him.

- Joram himself comes out and asks, “Is it peace, Jehu?” Jehu answers, “No—I’ve come to wipe you out.”

The Judgment:

- Jehu shoots an arrow that pierces Joram’s heart as he flees.
- Ahaziah (king of Judah) is also pursued and killed.
- Jezebel is thrown down from a window by her own eunuchs, trampled, and destroyed.

Key Insight:

- There is a level of anointing the enemy cannot stand against.
- God’s anointing is given to tear down strongholds, confront sin, and restore true worship.

X. A WARNING ABOUT PARTIAL OBEDIENCE

Jehu’s Shortfall:

- Jehu obeyed God in destroying Baal’s prophets and Jezebel’s line.
- But he still allowed golden calves to remain in Israel.

Lesson:

- God does not bless partial obedience.
- You can be used by God and still limit what He wants to do if you hold onto certain sins or idols.

XI. HOW THIS APPLIES TO US TODAY

Our Condition:

- Many lives feel upside down—one step forward, three steps back.
- Some are trying to “structure” their life into order but still feel something missing.

What’s Missing:

- The missing piece is not better organization; it’s Christ at the center.
- You can’t structure sin out of your life—you must surrender it to Jesus.

What God Offers:

- Forgiveness so you don’t have to die lost or go to hell.
- Healing from sickness and brokenness through the stripes Jesus bore.
- Deliverance from addiction, bondage, and generational patterns.

True Commitment:

- “God, You direct my life.”
- We still work, support our families, and make decisions—but we submit those decisions to God’s leading.
- Real commitment means choosing what God wants over what we want, even when it’s not popular.

XII. RESPONDING TO THE CALL

Invitation Themes:

- Give your heart to Christ or recommit your life to Him.
- Ask for more anointing to break bondage and live in freedom.
- Admit you're tired of where you are and step into God's purpose.
- Recognize that the anointing is for everyone, not just preachers—there is a “type” of anointing God has for each believer.

KEY TAKEAWAY:

The true anointing is the Holy Spirit's power on a surrendered life, given to confront sin, destroy strongholds like Jezebel's influence, and bring God's presence and authority back into our homes, churches, and communities. Fake anointing relies on talent and charisma; real anointing flows from holiness, obedience, and a life fully committed to Christ.

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

- Where in your life have you settled for a “fake anointing”—activity, talent, or image without deep intimacy with God?
- Are there any “Jezebel” influences (deception, sexual sin, manipulation, compromise) that you've tolerated and need to throw down?
- In what areas might you be practicing partial obedience, like Jehu leaving the golden calves?
- What would it look like for you to fully surrender to God's direction in your decisions, relationships, and calling?
- How is God calling you to use the anointing on your life to reach your family, your church, and your community?

Scripture References for Further Study:

2 Kings 9–10 | 2 Chronicles 20 | Revelation 19:16 | James 5:14–16 | 1 Peter 1:14–16 | 2 Timothy 3:1–5