

HOLY GHOST OIL, MATTHEW 25:1-13

Let us go to Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter, the first few verses here for our thoughts for the day. We find these precious words of Truth.

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh (Matthew 25:1-13).

Oil is a type of the Holy Spirit of God, the Holy Ghost of God. Oil is beautiful and a precious treasure, both in the natural and in the spiritual and both natural oil and certainly the spiritual oil of God's Spirit is very valuable and very marvelous and a beautiful treasure. In the Old Testament Tabernacle, we see oil used for light. In Exodus, the twenty-seventh chapter and verse twenty, God commanded Israel:

And thou shalt command the children of Israel, that they bring thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamp to burn always (Exodus 27:20).

So oil is a picture, I said, of God's Spirit and when God's Spirit is in the Candlestick of His Word, the oil of His Spirit, you can rest assured there will always be light for you in the Word of God. so if we would be just like the widow woman and exercise our faith that Elisha blessed and not let our desire for God's oil leak out like the foolish virgins. The wise took an extra supply and note then they kept their lamps burning. The lamp is a picture of the Word of God. The Word of God, the Light of it, the Revelation of it, the thrill of it will die out and you will lose that unless you stay in contact with the oil of God's Spirit. Then, likewise, again in Exodus, the thirtieth

chapter, and verse twenty-five, we find that God had a holy oil made to anoint the Tabernacle and to anoint His servants that ministered there so that the Tabernacle and those that served there would carry a fragrant anointing as they moved in and out, so it would be a pleasurable thing for the children of Israel to come to this Tabernacle and to smell its fragrance and how they would be blessed and how they would be edified and how they would be lifted up and how exciting it would be to think in their mind, “Oh what a beautiful place, what a fragrant place to go.”

In Exodus, the thirtieth chapter, and verse twenty-five:

And thou shalt make it an oil of holy ointment, an ointment compound after the art of the apothecary: it shall be an holy anointing oil. And thou shalt anoint the tabernacle of the congregation therewith, and the ark of the testimony, (Exodus 30:25,26).

And then he enumerates all the furniture that was anointed with this precious fragrant oil, and certainly when Jesus Christ was baptized in the River Jordan by John the Baptist, God sent the oil of His Spirit and filled His Son and the Bible says that Jesus had the Spirit without measure so that at all times, Jesus was a bright light, a bright lamp, so much so that He could say, “I am the light of the world, if any man follow after me, He shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.”

In verse thirty:

And thou shalt anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office (Exodus 30:30).

So how wonderful to ask God to forgive us of our debts and trespasses by the precious Blood of Jesus Christ and to fill us and to anoint us with the oil of His Spirit that we might be fragrant priests as we go to seek Him, that we might be fragrant vessels, beloved, as we go to His Temple, through His Spirit to worship and adore Him and that we might come out as a lampstand, a candlestick. You know, Jesus said in Matthew, do not hide your light under a bushel, but set your lampstand up so that everybody can see it. But how can we have a lighted lampstand if we do not

have the Oil of God's Spirit that will bring forth the Light of His Word. And remember, the Word of God said that the Old Testament Tabernacle Candlestick was to be kept burning always. So, beloved, oil was used in healing when Jesus gave the parable of the Good Samaritan, remember the man that fell among thieves and he was wounded? The Good Samaritan poured in the oil because oil will produce healing and how many times we get chafed in our attitudes and our dispositions and things are not running smooth, and we do not feel smooth, we feel like a cactus plant with all its prickly thorns and other people have that impression of us sometimes, too. And how easy to get healed if we take a little time alone in the prayer closet and get a refueling, as it were, of the precious Oil of the Spirit of God, and then let that oil come through the Word of God to us so that the Word stands up all over again as a new Candlestick burning with Light.

And again in James 5:14, the Apostle said:

Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him (James 5:14,15).

So oil is for healing, it heals in the natural. And it is not just a natural bottle of oil. Yes, we use that to pray for people, but that is just not the answer. There is an invisible oil of the Spirit of God by faith that ministers in the body of the person that is sick. And, then, again, beloved, we find the oil of God's Spirit fills one with gladness as it was prophesied of Jesus Christ in Psalm 45:7.

Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows (Psalm 45:7).

So we see the pricetag attached here if we would have the oil of God's Spirit, the oil of gladness permeating our hearts to where we can live a victorious abundant Christian life, overflowing with the joy of the LORD and have our souls rejoicing and delighting in the LORD. The pricetag is to love righteousness and hate wickedness. And, beloved, sure, we hate wickedness

in someone else but how about ourselves when our attitudes and our dispositions and our hearts are not right, then that is wicked before the LORD. Let us love His righteousness and hate that in ourselves which is unlike Jesus Christ. And if we will, He will fill us with the oil of gladness and our hearts and our lives will be beautiful and fragrant and lit with the beautiful truths of the Word of God.

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the Oil of Thy Spirit. Let it pour into our hearts. Let it permeate every nook and corner that we, LORD, be filled with thy gladness and with thy joy and with thy rejoicing that others can see through our gladness and our joy in thee the Oil of thy Spirit because we pray in Jesus' Precious, Lovely Name. Amen.

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