

“The Origin of Anointing”
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Scripture Reference: Exodus 30:22-33

Introduction:

- A. Moses led the people of Israel out of slavery and captivity.
 - B. Their Redeemer, who reveals Himself through the service of Moses, gives instructions to the people.
 - C. God wanted to help Moses through priests and later elders in his service.
 - D. God had prepared something symbolic—the so called anointing oil—a visible sign for the receiving of the Holy Spirit.
 - E. God puts special character traits into His creation—The recipe for an anointing:
1. Myrrh (Humbleness)
 - A. Myrrh is a resin from a brier, which flows out by itself.
 - B. In Biblical times, the process was expedited through cutting into the branches.
 - C. Humiliation: A bush completely by its own choice gives a precious substance, not holding anything back, and still, it was cut it open by force.
 - D. When God’s Spirit comes on a human being, He creates such humbleness, so that the person willingly devotes his or her life and gifts and puts the Kingdom of God first.
 2. Cinnamon (Boldness)
 - A. This plant has seed dispersal like dandelion—seeds are widely spread.
 - B. Cinnamon seed is versatile—even on this subsoil it extracts minerals and moisture for itself, so that it can shoot up; it knows where the top is, and searches for the sun.
 - C. The Holy Spirit makes us bold and takes away all inferiority/fear from us. In the same way it makes us bold against the power of darkness (searching for the sun/light).
 - a. As true as God exists the devil and demons exist. And if people are not cautious demons can take them captive. God’s Spirit gives Christians power to lead these people out of this captivity.
 3. Calamus (Healing)
 - A. This plant contains a substance like cortisone but without side effects. If you put it on sore points it has a broad-spectrum effect.
 - B. The anointing of God in the same way has a broad-spectrum effect. It has an effect on body, soul and spirit. About 66% of all illnesses have psychosomatic reasons.
 - C. According to the Bible the anointing of God has next to the physical healing also an effect on the psyche of the person, in that it heals broken hearts and so has a positive impact on the body.
 4. Cassia (love)
 - A. Cassia is from the laurel family. It tastes nice, lovely and sweet.
 - a. This substance can be compared with love. Love is the greatest power in the scale of values in the Bible and enables even to love enemies.
 5. Olive Oil (Unity)
 - A. According to the recipe, olive oil blends the other substances and unites the different effects.
 - B. The anointing of the Holy Spirit enables the individual person to become united with other people in the Spirit of Jesus. The greatest promise (Matthew 18:19).
 - C. The Holy Spirit enables the gifts of the Spirit in a helpful way (1 Corinthians 13).

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Conclusion

- A. In closing I remind every reader with two Bible verses of our spiritual inheritance:
 - a. 2 Cor. 1:21: Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us,
 - b. 1 John 2:20: But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth.
- B. Be encouraged in your desire and prayers to respect the anointing of the Holy Spirit and to lead an empowered life.