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The Oil of God





TERMINOLOGY: To be "anointed" is, among other things, to be made sacred (consecrated); to be set apart and dedicated to serve God; to be endowed with enabling gifts and grace; to be divinely designated, inaugurated, or chosen for some purpose. We know this subject is important to God because the words anoint, anointed, and anointing appear in more than 150 Spirit-inspired Bible verses, including 22 New Testament Scriptures. Indeed, the English word anoint derives from the ancient Latin inunctus, meaning "smear with oil."

CONNECTION TO OIL: The Bible Dictionary mentions only two types of anointing: with oil or the Holy Ghost. In short, anointing and oil are much more integrally related than most people realize, which explains why Bible translators sometimes use anoint and oil interchangeably as synonymous verbs (e.g., Isa. 21:5).

THE ANOINTED ONE: Both the ancient Hebrew form of Messiah and the ancient Greek form of Christ literally mean "anointed"; thus, "Jesus Christ" is more accurately rendered "Jesus the Anointed" (or as "Jesus, the Anointed One", or "Jesus, His Anointed"). This is one of the reasons our Savior first publicly announced Himself as the divine Messiah [Luke 4:18] by quoting Isaiah 61:1: "The Spirit of Adonai ELOHIM is upon me, because ADONAI has anointed me..." It's why Peter and John and the followers with them, inspired by the Holy Spirit, publicly refer to Jesus (Yeshua) as the "Anointed One" [Acts 4:26, NIV] and NKJ, NIV, and NAS Biblical versions translate: "Your holy Servant Jesus, whom you anointed".

Source: http://www.abbaoil.com/t-anointingoilteaching.aspx

MESSIAH

Messiah (verb), to smear with oil or paint, anoint." This verb, which appears 69 times in biblical Hebrew, has cognates in Ugaritic, Akkadian, Aramaic, and Arabic. The objects of this verb are people, sacrificial victims, and objects of this verb in Exod. 30:30: "And thou shalt anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office."

Source: http://mb-soft.com/believe/text/messiah.htm

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The word Messiah comes from the Hebrew -mashiakh- which means anointed one.

In the Old Testament three classes of person were anointed with oil to symbolise their empowerment by the Spirit of God. Prophets (1 Kings 19:16), priests (Leviticus 4:3), and kings were anointed to perform their functions and so were viewed as -mashiakh-. This is why David viewed Saul as "the Lord's anointed" (1 Samuel 24:6, see Daniel 9 9:25,26). Even the Persian king Cyrus was called Messiah (Isaiah 45:1). In Psalm 2 the rulers of the earth take counsel " against the Lord and his Messiah" (Psalm 2:2) .The Greek word for "anointed" was -Christos-. Transliterated, it gave us the English word 'Christ.' And this was used in the King James Version, the Revised Version, and the Revised Standard Versions of the New Testament.

Source: http://www.brow.on.ca/Articles/Messiah.htm

The terms "Messiah" and "Christ" come from the Hebrew and Greek translations both meaning the "anointed one" or the "oily one" to anoint comes from the ancient Latin word "inunctus" meaning to "smear with oil". When God anoints us He smears us with His spiritual oil and consecrates us He sets us apart and empowers us. God gives us His grace His unmerited favour we are to be filled and anointed with the Holy Spirit God Himself imparts this into us. There are only two types of anointing in scripture, both are closely associated they are in unity with each other. The first type is the anointing oil or ointment which consecrates an individual or item as set apart making it as Holy to God the second type is the anointing of the Holy Spirit Himself with His fire, presence, and power.

HOLY SPIRIT the third person of the Trinity, who exercises the power of the Father and the Son in creation and redemption. Because the Holy Spirit is the power by which believers come to Christ and see with new eyes of faith, He is closer to us than we are to ourselves. Like the eyes of the body through which we see physical things, He is seldom in focus to be seen directly because He is the one through whom all else is seen in a new light. This explains why the relationship of the Father and the Son is more prominent in the gospels, because it is through the eyes of the Holy Spirit that the Father Son relationship is viewed.

The Holy Spirit appears in the Gospel of John as the power by which Christians are brought to faith and helped to understand their walk with God. He brings a person to new birth: That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit (John:3:6); It is the Spirit who gives life (John:6:63). The Holy Spirit is the Paraclete, or Helper, whom Jesus promised to the disciples after His ascension. The Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are unified in ministering to believers (John:14:16, 26). It is through the Helper that Father and Son abide with the disciples (John:15:26).

OINTMENT - a perfumed oil, sometimes used in Bible times to anoint people as well as bodies for burial. The term ointment frequently means oil, particularly olive oil mixed with aromatic ingredients such as spices, myrrh, and extracts of the nard plant. **FIRE** - the combustion of flammable materials. In the Bible, fire often appears as a symbol of God's presence and power (Gen.:15:17-18). As a source of heat and light, fire is often pictured in the Bible as Gods agent to purify and illuminate. The coming Messenger of the Lord is portrayed as a "refiners fire" (Mal.:3:2). The tongues "as of fire" that came with the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost underscored the purging and illuminating quality of Gods truth (Acts:2:3).

Source: Nelson New illustrated Bible Dictionary

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In the Old Testament the anointing oil was used by God to anoint and empower three types of mandated positions or offices for individuals they were kings, priests and prophets. In the New Testament all who are born again, saved and regenerated in the Holy Spirit in Christ (Romans 10:9) are anointed (smeared with oil) and become all three offices kings (royalty in Christ), priests (ministering to God) and prophets (speaking Gods word). We are to be witnesses of Christ to the entire world (Revelations 19:10). To be anointed is to be empowered to speak Gods words and testify of Christ "For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy" (Revelations 19:10) Amen!!

The olive oil used for consecration a key of heaven

Genesis 28:10-12, 16-20, 22

Now Jacob went out from Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ So he came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep. ¹² Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

In scripture God opens up spiritual portals between heaven and earth. These portals reveal how God is able to communicate clearly and effectively to individuals on the earth. The heavens open up for divine encounters bringing spiritual revelation and illumination. There are individuals in the Bible where portals of visitation and communication were opened up by God such as Moses, Abraham, Ezekiel, Daniel, and John the revelator etc. Individuals can become illuminated in Gods light, power, fire and Glory (Holy Spirit) and his anointing (oil) bringing revelation and miracles to men.

Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it." ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!"

¹⁸ Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it. ¹⁹ And he called the name of that place Bethel; but the name of that city had been Luz previously.

²² And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You."

Genesis 35:9-14

⁹ Then God appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Padan Aram, and blessed him. ¹⁰ And God said to him, "Your name is Jacob; your name shall not be called Jacob anymore, but Israel shall be your name." So He called his name Israel. ¹¹ Also God said to him: "I am God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall proceed from you, and kings shall come from your body. ¹² The land which I gave Abraham and Isaac I give to you; and to your descendants after you I give this land." ¹³ Then God went up from him in the place where He talked with him. ¹⁴ So Jacob set up a pillar in the place where He talked with him, a pillar of stone; and he poured a drink offering on it, and he poured oil on it. ¹⁵ And Jacob called the name of the place where God spoke with him, Bethel.

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In these accounts of Old Testament scripture the anointing oil Jacob used was to mark the place where God had visited him in dreams. The first dream was in a city called Luz where God came and spoke to Jacob the second was on a journey away from the city called Padan Aram. Jacob referred to the visitations in the dreams as Gods house "the gate of heaven" and he called the places of visitation Bethel (House of God). The anointing oil was used to consecrate (set apart) to make holy (sanctify/separate from) pillars of stone as a memorial (remembrance) before the Lord to become places of worship (devotion).

I Corinthians 15:46

⁴⁶ However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual.

The anointing oil was the catalyst used to bring two realms into agreement, as it is in the natural to consecrate and set apart a place as holy ground, so it is also in the spiritual. What we loose on earth will be loosed in heaven the oil was used to activate agreement between the two realms (Mathew 18:18).

Mathew 16:19

¹⁹ And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Jesus said He would give us the keys of Heaven the anointing (oil) and the Holy Spirit (fire/presence) are two very important keys of Gods Spirit bringing life to people. Everything comes from God for He was first then He created us in His image (In the natural realm) then introduced us to the spiritual realm through His breath of life. The anointing oil Jacob used was a symbol of recognition and agreement of the visitation from God. The anointing oil used in the natural initiated the anointing (oil) of God in the spiritual making the area consecrated as Holy ground, separated from the world unto God.

HOLY moral and ethical wholeness or perfection; freedom from moral evil. Holiness is one of the essential elements of Gods nature required of His people. Holiness may also be rendered sanctification or godliness. The Hebrew word for holy denotes that which is sanctified or set apart for divine service. Jesus was the personification of holiness; He reinforced Gods demands for holiness by insisting that His disciples have a higher quality and degree of righteousness than that of the scribes and Pharisees (Matt.:5:20). Like Amos and Hosea, Jesus appealed for more than ceremonial holiness: I desire mercy and not sacrifice (Hos.:6:6;Matt.:12:7).

Source: Nelson New illustrated Bible Dictionary

The makeup of the Holy anointing oil

Exodus 30:22-31

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²² Moreover the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: ²³ "Also take for yourself quality spices-five hundred shekels of liquid myrrh, half as much sweet-smelling cinnamon (two hundred and fifty shekels), two hundred and fifty shekels of sweet-smelling cane, ²⁴ five hundred shekels of cassia, according to the

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shekel of the sanctuary, and a hin of olive oil. ²⁵ And you shall make from these a holy anointing oil, an ointment compounded according to the art of the perfumer. It shall be a holy anointing oil. ²⁶ With it you shall anoint the tabernacle of meeting and the ark of the Testimony; ²⁷ the table and all its utensils, the lamp stand and its utensils, and the altar of incense; ²⁸ the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the laver and its base. ²⁹ You shall consecrate them, that they may be most holy; whatever touches them must be holy. ³⁰ And you shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister to Me as priests. ³¹ "And you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying: This shall be a holy anointing oil to Me throughout your generations.

The holy anointing oil was made of olive oil with four spices liquid myrrh, sweet-smelling cinnamon, sweet-smelling cane (Sugar cane) and cassia. God used the anointing oil to cleanse to consecrate (set apart) and prepare a place of visitation and habitation for Himself. The anointing oil brings forth the Holiness of the Lord it causes priests and certain material items like utensils and garments (clothing) to be sanctified to become Holy before God. The anointing oil was used to sanctify (separate from the world) an item or area to the Lord, to give it the ownership of God to mark or seal (authenticate) a place or thing as Gods under His authority. The holy anointing oil has been given as a tool of consecration and sanctification by God to be used symbolically throughout the generations.

Myrrh. An extract from a stiff-branched tree with white flowers and plum-like fruit. After myrrh was extracted from the wood, it soon hardened and was valued as an article of trade. It was an ingredient used in anointing oil (Ex.:30:23), and was used as perfume (Ps. 45:8; Prov. 7:17; Song 3:6), in purification rites for women (Esth.:2:12), as a gift for the infant Jesus (Matt.:2:11), and in embalming (John 19:39). According to the Gospel of Mark (15:23), the drink offered to Jesus before His crucifixion was wine mingled with myrrh. The reference to myrrh in Genesis 37:25 and 43:11 is thought to be ladanum, sometimes called onycha, from a species of rockrose and not the true myrrh.

Cinnamon. A member of the laurel family, the cinnamon tree grew to be more than 9 meters (30 feet) tall with white flowers and wide-spreading branches. A native of Ceylon, the cinnamon tree produced bark and oil that was used for the anointing oil (Ex.:30:23) and as perfume (Prov. 7:17; Rev. 18:13).

Cassia. A plant with a flavor and aroma similar to cinnamon, but considered inferior. Some believe it could be the Indian perfume called orris. Moses included cassia in the anointing oil (Ex.:30:24). It was also an article of trade (Ezek.:27:19).

Olive. A fruit-bearing tree about six meters (20 feet) tall with a gnarled, twisted trunk, white flowers, and berries that ripen to a black color. The olive tree grew slowly and continued to bear fruit after reaching a great age. Before it died, new branches sprouted from its roots. The fruit was harvested by beating the boughs of the olive tree with a stick (<u>Deut.:24:20</u>), or by shaking the tree (Is. 17:6). The ripe fruit was enjoyed fresh, and the green fruit was often pickled or made into a relish. The best oil was obtained from the green olive fruit. It was used as fuel for lamps (<u>Ex.:27:20</u>), as anointing oil (Lev. 2:1), as an article of commerce (<u>1 Kin.:5:11</u>), and for dressing wounds (<u>Luke 10:34</u>). Olive trees were cultivated in groves or orchards (<u>Ex.:23:11;Josh.:24:13</u>). The most famous olive garden mentioned in the Bible is Gethsemane, meaning oil press (<u>Matt.:26:36</u>).

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Exodus 31:11

The anointing oil and sweet incense for the Holy place.

Exodus 35:8

Oil for the light, and spices for the anointing oil and for the sweet incense.

Exodus 37:29

He also made the holy anointing oil and pure incense of sweet spices, according to the work of the perfumer.

The spices used in the anointing oil were to make a sweet smelling aroma of incense before God in the Tabernacle. The anointing oil had specific sent to it that could be smelt. This scented oil is symbolic of the sweet smelling aromas of the Holy Spirit which is Gods glory anointing and presence in Christ.

Leviticus 6:20 -22

A daily grain offering (Of fine flour mixed with oil prepared by the priests in the tabernacle) half of it in the morning half of it at night. It shall be made in a pan of oil (olive oil). When it is mixed, you shall bring it in. The baked pieces of grain offering you shall offer for a sweet smelling aroma to the Lord. It is a statute forever to the Lord.

The Holy of Holies, Gods inner courts of the Tabernacle were to smell of this sweet incense. Oil and grain offerings mixed together and baked were given twice a day to God with spices made by a perfumer. This indicates Gods Holy presence was a sweet smelling fragrance. Gods presence has perfumed aromas to it as in the natural so it is in the spiritual.

Psalm 115:4

⁵ They have mouths, but they do not speak; Eyes they have, but they do not see; ⁶ They have ears, but they do not hear; Noses they have, but they do not smell ⁷ They have hands, but they do not handle; Feet they have, but they do not walk.

Psalm 115 is speaking about natural man not knowing Gods Glory through all the natural senses, in other words all our natural senses have the ability to perceive God and His presence. God's presence can come through words spoken (anointed word/ oracle of God), it can be seen (tangible manifestation/Glory cloud/ wind), heard (voice or noise) and smelt (scent/aroma) physically Gods presence can be felt it is tangible to our 5 senses as it is in the natural so it is in the spiritual. God wants us to experience Him and His presence in a continual way He created us this way. God desires an intimate relationship with us where we become sensitive to His Spirit His presence His eternal life flowing in us and through us. God's presence can be continually discerned through our five senses.

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Thanksgiving in the oil

Leviticus 7:12

If he (Priest) offers it for a thanks giving, then he shall offer, with the sacrifice of thanksgiving, unleavened cakes mixed with oil, unleavened wafers anointed with oil, or cakes of blended flour mixed with oil. Besides the cakes, as his offering he shall offer leavened bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace offering.

The oil is an essential part of Old Testament thanks giving offerings to God. This indicates that Christ "the oily one" or "the anointed one" is the oil of heaven meaning true thanksgiving can only come to the Father through Christ in us the "oil of Joy". When we bring thanksgiving before God it is considered a sacrifice that brings sweet smelling aromas to Him like the scented oil. The scents of God as scripture indicate can be aromas of grain (pop corn smelling) and oil (sweet incense) unleavened bread (fresh baked bread aromas) there are many other smells God can release to us such as burnt incense, flowers and garden fragrances we cannot limit Gods creativity. People at times in the presence of God smell these aromas they are very real and can indicate what is going on spiritually in a gathering so spiritual discernment is needed.

The atonement in the oil

ATONEMENT the act by which God restores a relationship of harmony and unity between Himself and human beings. The word can be broken into three parts that express this great truth in simple but profound terms: at-one-ment. Through Gods atoning grace and forgiveness, we are reinstated to a relationship of at-one-ment with God, in spite of our sin.

Source: Nelson New illustrated Bible Dictionary

Leviticus 14:16

¹⁴ The priest shall take some of the blood of the trespass offering, and the priest shall put it on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot. ¹⁵ And the priest shall take some of the log of oil, and pour it into the palm of his own left hand. ¹⁶ Then the priest shall dip his right finger in the oil that is in his left hand, and shall sprinkle some of the oil with his finger seven times before the Lord. ¹⁷ And of the rest of the oil in his hand, the priest shall put some on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot, on the blood of the trespass offering. ¹⁸ The rest of the oil that is in the priest's hand he shall put on the head of him who is to be cleansed. So the priest shall make atonement for him before the Lord.

The blood and log of oil was used for the trespass offering it was waved before God then applied to a person's body parts. It's interesting that the anointing oil was placed over the blood of the trespass offering in that order, the blood came first to cover to make atonement (forgive sin) then the oil (healing). The blood and oil were used here together to atone for, to cleanse, to sanctify and consecrate a person to heal them from a disease or sickness they suffered from.

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The blood and oil (Christ's blood and flesh His Body in Hebrews 4:12) symbolically are used together for atonement, the blood first then the oil. The individual was anointed with blood and oil on the right side of the body (side of authority) on specific body parts as a part of the cleansing and atonement ritual for that individual before the Lord. The anointing oil was specifically placed on the individuals head (place of authority) as well.

After the trespass offering was done a sin offering was made before the Lord for the atonement of sin and the healing of the disease. The blood and oil together brought atonement and healing from the effects of sin, this is a picture of Christ shedding His blood (atonement and forgiveness of sin) and breaking His body (oil of consecration and healing) for us.

- . The head means place of authority.
- · The ear means what you hear from God.
- · The thumb means what you do for God.
- The toe means where your feet go for God.
- . The hand means the works of God.
- . The right side speaks of authority.

Source: http://www.easyenglish.info/bible-commentary/leviticus-lbw.htm

The anointed body parts symbolize and indicate that the anointing oil of God (Christ Himself the bread of heaven, word of God) in one's body enables us to walk in His full authority as the head not the tail. We are to hear from God, to obey, to fulfill Gods mandate, to walk with God, to do the works of God, to walk by faith and to walk with Christ. It's Jesus in us the oily one by His Holy Spirit activating and tuning our senses into the spiritual realms of God.

Hebrews 10:11

¹¹ And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. ¹⁴ For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

Ephesians 1:7

⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.

Christ through His shed blood and broken body His flesh that consecrates us (oil of heaven) offered up atonement (forgiveness, redemption and restoration) for our sins once and forever (a sweet smelling aroma), for all whom are consecrated (set apart) and being sanctified (separated from sin, the world).

John 17:19

¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

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Hebrews 2:11

¹¹ For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one.

Jesus sanctified Himself that we also would be sanctified through Him. Jesus sanctifies us through His truth His word, His flesh (the oil of heaven) we receive revelation of truth ongoing in our journey. As we meditate on God's word of truth it is continually transforming and sanctifying old nature thinking the battle ground of change is in the mind. In the Greek language repentance simply means a change of mind from the old nature to the new nature, this is the out working of truth sanctifying us. Through Christ's sacrificial offering on the cross we are perfected forever Jesus made full provision for us a finished work.

Acts 26:18

¹⁸ to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.

Being sanctified in our souls (thought life) from our old sinful nature is an ongoing process of change and transformation, inwardly we are being renewed in our minds daily through Gods word His truth (oil of heaven). Our souls are undergoing the ongoing redemptive work of the Holy Spirit. The soul is the redemptive part of man after salvation, the soul is tied into our heart our thinking and emotions. God moves our thinking from darkness to light from the power of Satan to God we receive forgiveness of sins and we are sanctified by our faith in Christ.

John 3:3

"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

2 Corinthians 5:17

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

The spirit man is totally born again into the kingdom of God at salvation it is made perfect from day one and made at one, entwined into perfection with Christ and His righteousness we are a new creation.

1 Corinthians 15:48

⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly.

1 Corinthians 15:54

⁵⁴ So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

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The natural body or flesh can be healed of sicknesses but ultimately dies and goes back to the earth still under the curse of death it is mortal, from the dust we were made and back to dust our natural body shall go. At death we have a new eternal spiritual body to be in heaven with Christ forever.

The consecration of the oil

CONSECRATION - the act of setting apart, or dedicating, something or someone for Gods use. In the Old Testament, the Temple and its trappings were the most important objects consecrated to God (2 Chr.:7:59;Ezra:6:16); and Aaron and his sons were consecrated to the priesthood (Exodus 29; Leviticus 8). But even such items as the spoils of battle (Josh.:6:19;Mic.:4:13) and cattle could be consecrated (Lev.:27:28). Before the beginning of the priesthood in Israel's history, the firstborn of men and animals alike were consecrated (Ex.:13:2). But after the priesthood began, the tribe of Levi served as a substitute in this consecration (Num.:3:12).

In the New Testament, the supreme example of consecration is Christ himself (<u>John:17:19;Heb.:7:28</u>; 10:10). But believers are also consecrated by Christ (<u>John:17:17</u>; <u>1 Pet.:2:9</u>), and are urged to consecrate themselves as well (<u>Rom.:12:1</u>; <u>2 Tim.:2:21</u>). One of the results of our consecration by Christ is that we are now a priesthood of believers (1 Pet. 2:9) with direct access to our heavenly Father (<u>Eph.:3:11</u>).

Source: Nelson New illustrated Bible Dictionary

1 Kings 9:3

³ And the Lord said to him: "I have heard your prayer and your supplication that you have made before Me; I have consecrated this house which you have built to put My name there forever, and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.

God in this passage hears the prayer of a man God then anoints and consecrates with His own supernatural oil and presence the house dedicated to Him by man. Remember nothing can be consecrated unless it is anointed (oiled) by God first.

Leviticus 21:12

For the consecration of the anointing oil is upon him, I am the Lord.

John 4:7

⁷ Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

It is very clear in scripture that the anointing oil (natural and spiritual) carries with it the authority of God to consecrate an individual to set apart and to dedicate them for service. Once a person is consecrated to God, God's eyes and heart are with them perpetually (1 Kings 9:3). As we submit to God and allow Him to purify our hearts he draws near to us. Consecration and sanctification are closely tied together

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consecration sets one apart unto God where sanctification separates one from sin and the ways of the world this operates through repentance (change of mind) the turning away from wrong doing. Christ's flesh consecrates us (Hebrews 10:19) and He sanctified Himself (John 17:19) that we also would be sanctified He made the way for us to walk in to take up our cross and follow Him (Mathew 10:38).

Hebrews 10:19

¹⁹ Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, ²¹ and having a High Priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

In this passage of scripture in the New Testament Christ Himself consecrated us with His own body that is His flesh. This lets us know Christ's body is the oil of consecration from heaven. Christ's flesh is the oil of heaven He is the seal the authentication mark (2 Corinthians 1:21-22) the promise of our salvation the Messiah (smeared with oil or oily one) the Christ (the anointed one or the oiled one). Jesus Christ is the oil of heaven cleansing our hearts, scripture refers to Him as being the source of the heavenly olive oil in the book of Zachariah (Zachariah 4:12-13).

The oil in Holy Communion

Mathew 26:25

²⁶ And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." ²⁷ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

We are to eat Christ (oil of heaven) the word of God His body and have eternal life. His truth is our spiritual food just like we need natural food to live. We are to drink of Him to receive spiritually the shed blood of Christ for salvation for the atonement and forgiveness of all our sins. We come into the new covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34) of Christ where God Himself imparts into us and teaches us all truth.

John 6:51

⁵¹ I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."

God's word became flesh (John 1:14) the body or flesh of Jesus penetrates our hearts, transforming us from the inside out sanctifying us (separating us from sin making us Holy) Jesus is the word and He sanctified Himself (purified Himself continually) to sanctify us by coming and living in us through His anointing (His oil, His word, His flesh) and Spirit.

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John 6:57

⁵⁷ As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread which came down from heaven-not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever."

The Father sent Christ who asked us to eat of His Body His flesh (word of God, bread of heaven, oil of heaven) and drink of His blood of atonement and covenant promise (Jeremiah 31:31-34). This is Christ coming into us (marriage) making atonement for us, consecrating us, saving us, giving eternal life, sanctifying us, joining Himself to us Spirit to Spirit, this was released to us after His death and resurrection from the cross. The oil of heaven or flesh (bread) of Christ is eternal life itself.

Sanctification in the Atonement. As the process by which God purifies the believer, sanctification is based on the sacrificial death of Christ. In his letters to the churches, the apostle Paul noted that God has chosen and reconciled us to Himself in Christ for the purpose of sanctification (Eph.:1:4; 5:2527; Titus 2:14). Old Testament sacrifices did not take away sin, but they were able to sanctify for the purifying of the flesh (Heb.:9:13). The blood of the new covenant (Heb.:10:29), however, goes far beyond this ritual purification of the body. The offering of Christs body (Heb.:10:10) and blood (Heb.:13:12) serves to purge our conscience from dead works to serve the living God (Heb.:9:14). Because our cleansing from sin is made possible only by Christs death and resurrection, we are sanctified in Christ Jesus (1 Cor.:1:2;Acts:20:32; 1 Cor.:1:30; 6:11).

Source: Nelson New illustrated Bible Dictionary

We are covered and washed in Christ's blood atonement was made for our sins (grace and forgiveness, restoring us to relationship). He consecrates us with His flesh being the oil and bread of heaven (Hebrews 10:19). To those who believe and are being saved (Rom 10:9) He sets us apart, He seals us and authenticates us (2 Corinthians 1:22) with His anointing (the oil, bread of heaven) that He and the Father can come and live in us (John 14:21-23) by The Holy Spirit teaching us truth (John 16:13-15). We are sanctified (separated from sin, the world) and made Holy (moral and ethical wholeness or perfection, freedom from moral evil).

SANCTIFICATION the process of Gods grace by which the believer is separated from sin and becomes dedicated to Gods righteousness. Accomplished by the Word of God (<u>John:17:7</u>) and the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:34), sanctification results in holiness, or purification from the guilt and power of sin.

Sanctification as separation from the world and setting apart for Gods service is a concept found throughout the Bible. Spoken of as holy or set apart in the Old Testament were the land of Canaan, the city of Jerusalem, the tabernacle, the Temple, the Sabbath, the feasts, the prophets, the priests, and the garments of the priests. God is sanctified by the witness of believers (1 Pet.:3:15) and by His judgments upon sin (Ezek. 38:16). Jesus also was sanctified and sent into the world (John:10:36).

Source: Nelson New illustrated Bible Dictionary

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The oil of Christ a sweet smelling aroma

Isaiah 53:3-5

³ He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. ⁴ Surely He has borne our grief's and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

Psalm 22:17

¹⁶ For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet.

John 19:34

³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

In Isaiah 53:3-5 Christ was despised (rejected), wounded (ripped flesh), bruised (beaten), chastised (punished) and striped (whipped and cut 40 times). Three of the tortures prior to the cross that Christ underwent were physical this was the wounding, bruising and stripes (whippings). Where Christ was chastised and despised (rejected) this was spiritual. Four more physical abuses took place on the cross Christ's hands and feet were pierced with nails His side was pierced with a spear and His head was pierced with thorns. It pleased God to bruise His Son (Isaiah 53:10) for our sakes.

These sacrifices became sweet smelling aromas to God the Father, mercy met with justice and grace prevailed. In total Christ had seven physical tortures happen to Him leading up to and upon the cross a picture of the finished complete perfected work of the cross, in scripture seven is the number of perfection. His flesh was offered up as a total sacrifice of punishment to Gods Judgments upon sin to consecrate us through His flesh.

1 Peter 2:24

²⁴ Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness- by whose stripes you were healed.

In the New Testament Christ's body (Christ's flesh the oil of heaven) was sacrificed on the cross that through His broken body we are healed. He bore all our iniquities, transgressions, sicknesses, diseases and wounds (pains) upon Himself. We are to discern His body correctly (communion) for healing in the broken body (bread) of Christ is provision for healing and His shed blood (wine) for atonement of sins. His body is the oil of heaven available for our consecration, sanctification, deliverance and healing for the emotional (heart), thought life (soul) and physical body (flesh). To live for righteousness is to have right believing right believing brings right decisions doing the right thing, right decisions and right actions is righteousness. This is obedience to God's word empowered by faith through grace this is unmerited favour. The oil of heaven helps us in this process spiritually.

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Isaiah 53:10

¹⁰ Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief.

Ephesians 5:2

² And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

The 5 specific tortures (despised, wounded, chastised, striped and bruised) Christ underwent leading up to the crucifixion were to become spiritual aromas to God the Father (righteousness) like the four spices and the olive oil used in the anointing oil of consecration. The torture and grief (rejection) Christ underwent for our sins brought forth salvation, deliverance, restoration and healing a great sacrifice as said it pleased the Father to bruise His Son for our sakes. Just like the natural anointing oil (olive oil) scented with 4 spices for consecration, Christ's body (oil of heaven) became a sweet smelling aroma of sacrifice to God. The piercings upon Christ's body brought forth a finished work of God's justice against sin on the cross (John 3:16).

The anointing oil and the lamp

LAMP - A simple oil-burning vessel used for lighting houses and public buildings in Bible times. Pottery lamps either had lips or were completely enclosed, with a hole in the middle, or a spout in the rim, for the wick. Such lamps were often decorated, and many had handles for convenient carrying. Jewish lamps were decorated with the symbol of the MENORAH, the seven-branched lamp stand. Christian lamps were decorated with Christian symbols such as crosses, fish, and the alpha and omega. Lamps could be held by hand or placed on a support, like a shelf or a lamp stand. More light was provided by additional wicks. Lamps with up to seven spouts have been discovered by archaeologists. Some lamps were made of metal.

A seven-branched lamp stand of pure gold stood in the TABERNACLE (<u>Ex.:25:31</u>). Solomon made ten similar lamp stands for the TEMPLE (<u>1 Kin.:7:49</u>). Lamps burned olive oil or fat. Those with a single wick would burn from two to four hours. Occasionally the flax wick would have to be trimmed. Wick trimmers were used for this purpose. The lamp became a symbol of understanding (<u>2 Sam.:22:29</u>), guidance (<u>Prov.:6:23</u>), and life (Job 21:17). John the Baptist was the burning and shining lamp in whose light the Jews of his day rejoiced (John 5:35). In Jesus parable of the wise and foolish virgins (<u>Matt.:25:1</u>), taking enough oil to keep the lamps burning represented good works done in obedience to Jesus teaching. Not taking enough oil to keep the lamps burning represented disobedience to Christ.

Source: Nelson New illustrated Bible Dictionary

Exodus 24:6

Oil for the light and spices for the anointing oil and for the sweet incense.

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Exodus 27:20

And you shall command the children of Israel that they bring you pure oil of pressed olives for the light, to cause the lamp to burn continually.

God speaks to Moses about how the olive oil is to be used in the lamps of the Tabernacle. The anointing oil was of the best quality this symbolized the purity of the Holy Spirit the purity of Christ (word of God, truth, His flesh). The oil was pressed and refined proved to be pure of the highest quality just as Christ was. God works in us in the same way spiritually, pressing us, refining us, testing our hearts to see what quality of character has been achieved in us. The oil for the lamps like everything else God gave Moses for the building of the Tabernacle was a symbolic copy of what was already operating in heavenly realms. The natural olive oil was a copy of Gods spiritual olive oil in heaven this is shown to us in the book of Zachariah (Zachariah 4:2-13). The prayers of the saints are like sweet smelling incense/aromas to God that fill bowls in heaven this becomes as oil ready to be tipped out by the angles of heaven and answered.

Exodus 25:31-32

³¹ "You shall also make a lampstand of pure gold; the lampstand shall be of hammered work. Its shaft, its branches, its bowls, its ornamental knobs, and flowers shall be of one piece. ³² And six branches shall come out of its sides: three branches of the lampstand out of one side, and three branches of the lampstand out of the other side.

The lamp stand was only to be made of hammered gold. This again is a picture of how God refines us through trials and testing's the hammerings (chastening and testing's) of life we go through, this helps us to grow and mature in faith. God wants to bring forth the gold in each of us to make every part of us at one with Himself that we may stand in Christ. As an example of this testing we can look at the life of Joseph starting in Genesis chapter 35 leading up to his destiny being fulfilled by God finishing in Genesis chapter 50. Joseph had to endure testing's and transformation inwardly as preparation to fulfill his calling. His true destiny was to "save many alive" from certain starvation and death during the great famine of his day. Again this is a picture of Christ saving many in "His day" as well from spiritual death and famine.

Exodus 25:37

Revelation 4:5

⁵ And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

Zachariah 4:10

For these seven (lamps) rejoice to see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. They are the eyes of the Lord, Which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth."

³⁷ You shall make seven lamps for it, and they shall arrange its lamps so that they give light in front of it.

³⁸ And its wick-trimmers and their trays shall be of pure gold.

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The seven lamps (filled with Gods olive oil, His truth, His word) of the Menorah lampstand represent the seven fold Spirit of God (Holy Spirit) the all seeing eyes of God (omnipresence) that search to and fro throughout the whole earth.

Revelation 3:1

These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars.

The seven stars are the seven angels of the seven churches (lampstands) of God. Seven is the symbol of completeness and perfection.

Revelation 1:13

¹³ And in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. ¹⁴ His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; ¹⁵ His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; ¹⁶ He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. ¹⁷ And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸ I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. ¹⁹ Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this. ²⁰ The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.

The menorah lampstand with seven burning oil lamps was made to stand in the Tabernacle of God with His presence in its midst. The seven burning lamps (Revelation 4:5) on the menorah are symbolic of Gods seven Spirits (presence) His all seeing eyes (omnipresence) that are in the midst of the seven churches (lampsatnads) at his right hand (under His authority) that burn before the throne of God in heaven (Revelation 4:5). God is watching His church continually He is searching people to and fro in the earth.

The seven lamps of the Menorah lampstand represent the seven fold Spirit of God (Holy Spirit). The church is represented by a lampstand and is to stand in God's presence, in revelations chapter two and three there are seven spiritual churches (lampstands) of God all in differing states of being. This is is where Jesus walks in the midst of, supplying the oil of Himself (Zachariah 4:11-12) for the lamp (church) to burn continually.

Numbers 4:9

⁹ And they shall take a blue cloth and cover the lamp stand of the light, with its lamps, its wick-trimmers, its trays, and all its oil vessels, with which they service it.

This is a very interesting passage in the Old Testament the blue cloth was to be a covering over the lamp of the tabernacle and its vessels of oil, blue is symbolic of God's love, grace, purity, truth and revelation. New Testament vessels are what we are as born again Christians (Followers of the way) we are to become a habitation (lamp/vessel) of the Holy Spirit (new oil, new wine and grain) filled with Him His anointing (oil) and the Holy Spirit. We are to become lamps of God to shine His light (revelation/presence) for all to see He covers us in His love, His banner over us is love (Song of Solomon 2:4, Exodus 17:15).

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Luke 8:16-18

¹⁶ "No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed, but sets it on a lamp stand, that those who enter may see the light. ¹⁷ For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light. ¹⁸ Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him."

The oil of God in us illuminates everything it is pure, that which is hidden and secret is revealed we begin to shine the light of God, this increases (more given) and we shine brighter. The illumination of Gods light is for us to hear to see and to know God through His Spirit and revelation.

Being saved (Rom 10:9 salvation), being with and hearing God (Rev. 3:20), Gods word transforming us (Heb. 4:12), God's love in one accord and unity (Jn. 17), gifts of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12), the fruits of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-25) are all a part of the anointing (oil) and the Holy Spirit in unity at work in us. We are to hear Gods voice (Rhema present tense) and obey (Jn. 2:5) to see His Logos word manifested. We walk by faith (2 Cor. 5:7) bearing fruit worthy of repentance (Mat. 3:8), through Gods authority and power. His kingdom is to be revealed through us with Jesus as King at work in our midst.

Mathew 6:22

²² "The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

We are to become clean on the inside to be bright shining lamps or vessels for God, consecrated (oiled) and made holy set apart and committed to God, God's oil serves this purpose. The righteousness of Christ is given to us freely by faith, to be in Him is to be redeemed and made righteous. When we are born again our spirit is joined with Christ's and made perfect from day one totally forgiven. Holiness is a process determined by God, out worked in each individual, sanctifying, transforming and re programming or transforming different areas of our hearts and souls (emotions, memories, thinking) dealing with the parts in us that are being redeemed, this will be ongoing our entire lives.

Mathew 5:15-16

¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The purpose of the light (Revelation, truth, word, Christ) in us is to shine (illuminate) before men that the Father is glorified (worshiped, lifted up, exalted) through the Son (Jesus) in us. A lamp (vessel) must have oil (Christ) in it to be set alight (ignited to burn) by a flame (Holy Spirit, fire) to burn (combustion).

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The golden olive oil and the lamp stand of heaven

Revelations 11:3-5

⁴ These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth. ⁵ And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies.

The golden olive oil (Zach. 4:12) of heaven is the fuel in the lamp (man) the flame (word of God) for the fire (Holy Spirit) is God's Holy fire. His word is the fire that devours His enemies (Ps 50:3) (Rev. 2:16).

Revelations 11:6

⁶ These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy.

The two anointed (oiled) ones have the power to shut the heavens and to prophesy with fire (The sword, word) coming out their mouths to consume their enemies. This is all to do with being filled with the golden olive oil (Christ, His flesh, the word) of heaven from Jesus Christ Himself.

Zachariah 4:2-13

So I said, "I am looking, and there is a lamp stand of solid gold with a bowl on top of it, and on the stand seven lamps with seven pipes to the seven lamps. ³ Two olive trees are by it, one at the right of the bowl and the other at its left." ⁴ So I answered and spoke to the angel who talked with me, saying, "What are these, my lord?" ⁵ Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" And I said, "No, my lord." ⁶ So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, Says the Lord of hosts. ⁷ Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone With shouts of "Grace, grace to it!" " ⁸ Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying: ⁹ "The hands of Zerubbabel Have laid the foundation of this temple; His hands shall also finish it. Then you will know That the Lord of hosts has sent Me to you. ¹⁰ For who has despised the day of small things? For these seven rejoice to see The plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. They are the eyes of the Lord, Which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth."

¹¹ Then I answered and said to him, "What are these two olive trees-at the right of the lamp stand and at its left?" ¹² And I further answered and said to him, "What are these two olive branches that drip into the receptacles of the two gold pipes from which the golden oil drains?" ¹³ Then he answered me and said, "Do you not know what these are?" And I said, "No, my lord." ¹⁴ So he said, "These are the two anointed ones, who stand beside the Lord of the whole earth." The Living Bible by Tyndale house publishers 1971 (Paraphrased) says it this way "I see a golden lampstand holding seven lamps, and at the top there is a reservoir for the olive oil that feeds the lamps, flowing into them from seven tubes. And I see two olive tress carved upon the lampstand, one on each side of the reservoir".

This vision of Zachariah gives us a picture of how the anointing oil of heaven comes through to us from the bowl (reservoir) of oil on top of the golden lampstand, with seven pipes going to the seven lamps, it is an unlimited supply. The anointing oil of God in heaven is shown as olive oil, this is also used in the natural it is represented by the two olive trees carved into either side of the lampstand (the two anointed ones) the oil is golden in colour, extra virgin olive oil in the natural is also golden in colour. The

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anointing oil empowers us to stand with Christ to partner with Him to walk with Him as it says "not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit" (Zachariah 4:6) this is deposited in us.

In 2005 I had a dream from God about revival. I was standing on a hillside focused on a single 44 gallon drum of oil and I said "I've found the revival oil", God then spoke to me in the dream and said "don't limit me look behind you" I then turned around and saw thousands of drums of oil as far as the eye could see it was unlimited as in the vision in the book of Zachariah.

The testing of oil quality in us

Proverbs 17:3

³The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, But the Lord tests the hearts.

Psalm 7:9

⁹Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, But establish the just. For the righteous God tests the hearts and minds.

Remembering that the oil of God in us is the word of God in us it's His flesh that consecrates us.

Ecclesiastes 3:18

¹⁸ I said in my heart, "Concerning the condition of the sons of men, God tests them.

Galatians 5:22

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

The repentance (turning away from sin, change of mind) refining, testing and pressing God does in us, is to produce good fruits the pure oil of Christ, Christ like character of fruitfulness, faithfulness, joy, peace, love etc (Galatians 2:20). We are to become holy (sanctified) and righteous (right believing and right doing) in character that His love, light and truth in us will shine pure and bright, this process is just like the olives being crushed, pressed and tested to get the pure virgin oil. God wants Christ like character to come forth from us.

Mathew 25:1-13

25 "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. ³ Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. ⁵ But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.

⁶ "And at midnight a cry was heard: Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him! ⁷ Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out. ⁹ But the wise answered, saying, No, lest there should not be enough for us

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and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves. ¹⁰ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.

 11 "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us! 12 But he answered and said, Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.

¹³ "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

We are to be like the wise virgins with our lamps full of Gods oil (anointing, light, truth, love, purity, faith and good works) with our wicks trimmed (yielded, pruned, repentant, made fruitful, consecrated, sanctified, forgiven, healed, delivered) to enter in (of the same substance) and be with Him in the wedding celebration of the bride (Church) and the groom (Christ) to be a procession of God.

We are to be in a state of continual preparedness (fellowship and communion with God drawn near to Him) for the coming of the Lord, to be vigilant in our walk with Him (listening to His voice and obeying Him). We are consecrated through Christ (set apart, dedicated) sanctified (separated from sin made Holy). God's oil (anointing, truth, word of God) activates Holy Spirit refinement (fire) in us, guiding us, healing us and setting us free.

Jesus the oil and the fire

John 5:35

³⁵ He was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light.

This scripture states Jesus as being filled with oil and set on fire shinning Gods light to all.

Malachi 3:1

"Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says the Lord of hosts. ² "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like launderers' soap.

Again we see that the messenger of the covenant the Lord Himself was filled with the oil of heaven with fire (word of God) coming out his mouth, he was like a refiner's fire and a launderer's soap a cleansing flame.

The oil is for a witness to the truth in us

John 1:9

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. ⁸ He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. ⁹ That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

John 1:23

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"I am The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Make straight the way of the Lord".

Mathew 3:8

⁸ Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance.

John the Baptist was a witness of Christ an example of a bright burning lamp full of Gods anointing oil. His message was for us to "Make straight the way of the Lord" to "bear fruits worthy of repentance" to get hearts right to be baptised for the remission of sins. A lamp shines and lights the way shows us the path to walk on, the oil speaks of the truth. The purpose of Christ (oil of God) in us is to set us apart to guide us and lead us into all truth to point us to the Father for repentance of sins to cleanse us.

The oil filter in us

Mathew 12:35

For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. ³⁵ A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things.

Mathew 15:11

¹¹ It's not what goes into the mouth that defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man."

What comes out of the mouth is what comes out of the heart darkness or light righteousness or unrighteousness, clean or unclean, holy or unholy, obedience or sin we are to discern what is what.

Proverbs 15:4

⁴A wholesome tongue is a tree of life, But perverseness in it breaks the spirit.

Luke 11:34

The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is good, your whole body also is full of light. But when your eye is bad, your body also is full of darkness.

Luke 9:23

"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. ²⁴ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

The scriptures reveal to us and give us keys on how we are to keep the oil within pure and clean in a virgin state. The eyes are important as the lamp of the body as to what we read and look at and the heart as the oil purifier we are to guard our hearts in truth. The tongue is also like a filter, it's what brings forth blessing or cursing. We are to deny ourselves daily and follow Christ's example dying to self and our old sinful nature purifying our hearts continually before God being sanctified daily through Him through His

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word of truth His grace. We are to bear good fruit you can tell a tree by its fruit weather it is good tree or a bad tree (Mathew 7:18) (Mathew 12:33).

Ephesians 4:23

²³ and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Romans 12:2

² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

The anointing (oil) of God with His Spirit brings forth His voice to renew our minds through hearing His Rhema word (present tense) illuminating our spirits. We are to put on the new man which is Christ in us, His flesh consecrating us (Heb. 10:19) the oil of God is His flesh, His body heals us (Isa. 53:3-5), His blood covers us and makes atonement for us forever (Eph. 1:17) (Heb. 10:11-13), with His word (Jn. 1:14) burning and illuminating in our hearts transforming us.

Romans 10:17

¹⁷ So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Christ's flesh (oil) the bread of heaven in us and His Spirit at work enables us to see and hear a now word a Rhema word a revelation of God that's present tense this activates faith "Faith comes by hearing" as faith is also present tense. Our minds are renewed (present tense, daily) by hearing the "Word of God" and "Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" (Mat. 4:4).

Mathew 23:25

²⁶First cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also.

In the natural realm pure olive oil is extra virgin olive oil it is made with no additives or chemicals. The voice of God the Spirit of God and the word of God is the only influence we are to be led by, pure in state, there are many other voices and influences (darkness and sin) pressing in on us that are not of God, all trying to block out Gods voice and spirit in us. We need to be like pure olive oil and let Gods redemptive presence cleanse us on the inside separating us (sanctifying us) from extra additives (wrong influences).

Romans 8:14

¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

All other voices and distractions the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and pride of life (Geneses 3:6) that lead us away from God's Spirit and His word (Bible) need to go. For us to become more effective in discerning, hearing, obeying and being led by Gods voice.

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The oil brings Gods light

Geneses 1:3-4

³ Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴ And God saw the light that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

Olive oil is associated with light, lighting up darkness. Christ in the New Testament is the new oil the Holy Spirit light (Mat. 4:16) the new wine (Presence of God) and grain (Bread of heaven).

Isaiah 60:1-3

Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. ² For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. ³ The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.

God's anointing (oil) and Holy Spirit fire burning in us is this light that shines forth, God's Glory has been given to us, it is in us we are to shine as a light separated from darkness. All the darkness in the world cannot put out even one candle's light one candle's light can penetrate the darkest darkness.

Mathew 5:14

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

We are to be a light in this spiritually dark world with the light of Christ in us His anointing (oil) burning in us illuminating and shinning forth for all to see.

Mathew 4:16

¹⁶The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

As it was said about Christ (the oily one) He was the light coming into the world so now He is in us. That same light is to shine forth for others in the "darkness in the shadow of death" the devils domain to see.

The oil authenticates and seals

ANOINT, ANOINTING to authorize, or set apart, a person for a particular work or service (Is. 61:1). The anointed person belonged to God in a special sense. The phrases, the Lords anointed, Gods anointed, My anointed, Your anointed, or His anointed are used of Saul (<u>1 Sam.:26:9</u>, 11), David (<u>2 Sam.:22:51</u>), and Solomon (2 Chr. 6:42). In the New Testament, all who are Christ's disciples are said to be anointed; they are Gods very own, set apart and commissioned for service (<u>2 Cor.:1:21</u>). Priests, kings, and

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prophets were anointed. Oil was poured on the head of the person being anointed (<u>Ex.:29:7</u>). Kings were set apart through the ritual of anointing, which was performed by a prophet who acted in Gods power and authority (<u>1 Sam.:15:1</u>). The Old Testament also records two instances of the anointing of a prophet (<u>1 Kin.:19:16;Is.:61:1</u>).

Source: Nelson New illustrated Bible Dictionary

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

²¹ Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, ²² who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

It is clear that the anointing (oil) in Christ originates from God the Father He anoints us (smears us with oil) it is Him who seals us (authenticates and marks us with His Son) through Jesus Christ (the oily one) we are consecrated (set apart) we have atonement and forgiveness of sins (Christ's shed blood) and Healing (Christ's flesh) we are sanctified (separated from sin). According to scripture we are firstly consecrated and sealed through Christ's flesh (oil of heaven) ready to be then filled with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit comes upon ground that has been consecrated with oil first. God gives us His Holy Spirit (eternity) in our hearts as a guarantee of our salvation.

John 3:3

³ Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

It is a requirement for us today under the new covenant in Christ to be born again. We are saved and born again re born spiritually from Satan's kingdom of darkness and its authority into the kingdom of light under God and His authority. The Holy Spirit and seal (2 Corinthians 1:21-22) serves as a signature or mark to authenticate us that we may see the true kingdom of God. God writes His name on us (Rev. 3:12).

Anointing in the New Testament also refers to the anointing of the Holy Spirit, which brings understanding (1 John:2:20, 27). This anointing is not only for kings, priests, and prophets; it is for everyone who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ. The anointing occurs physically with a substance such as oil, myrrh, or balsam. But this is also a spiritual anointing, as the Holy Spirit anoints a person's heart and mind with the love and truth of God.

Source: Nelson New illustrated Bible Dictionary

The oil of heaven (Christ) joins two together as one

Genesis 2:24

²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

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John 17:17-23

¹⁷ Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. ¹⁸ As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth. ²⁰ "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; ²¹ that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. ²² And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: ²³ I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

God puts a deposit of His anointing (oil) and Spirit inside of us joining our spirit to His Spirit making our spirit perfect with His a joining together. This is the same as two married people becoming one flesh. God's desire is for us to be in Him and He in us in one accord with Himself sanctified made holy and filled His love.

The oil of heaven (Christ) heals eyes to see spiritually

Isaiah 28:9-10

⁹ "Whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to understand the message? Those just weaned from milk? Those just drawn from the breasts? ¹⁰ For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little."

Acts 28:27

²⁷ For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them."

The oil of God illuminates it brings the revelations of God to ones heart enabling one to see and hear what God is saying, releasing understanding, supernatural ability, insight, signs and wonders, healing spiritually emotionally and physically. Line upon line we are to move forward to prosper in Christ.

Daniel 12:3

³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.

Ecc 2:13

¹³Then I saw that wisdom excels folly as light excels darkness.

Revelation 3:18

Anoint (oil) your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

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His anointing (oil) heals our eyes enabling us to see as He wants us to see spiritually. The oil of heaven is pure it is wisdom, grace and truth the word of God the flesh of Christ. As this oil burns within us we grow, we shine with the light and transforming wisdom of God.

Romans 8:14

¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Gods light in us is causing us to shine bright. The anointing (oil) activates us to become supernatural sons of God to hear His voice and be led by His Spirit to be sons.

Revelation 2:7

⁷ "He who has an ear, let him hear, what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."

Oil used in the natural with prayer initiates divine healing, we need to be asking God for this to increase in our lives. The oil of God and His Spirit at work in us enables us to eat from the tree of life (Genesis 2:9) whom is Christ (giving us eternal life). With joy the oil of Joy (Isaiah 61:3) we drink from the wells of salvation whom is Christ again He is the living water (John 4:10).

Matthew 13:16

¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; ¹⁷ for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

The Holy Spirit brings His light illuminating truth within us enabling us to see, filling us with heavens oil (Christ, the word) this has the potential to multiply and increase taking one deeper into the things of God.

John 4:23

²³ But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. ²⁴ God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

The oil of God in us and being anointed by the Holy Spirit "the Spirit of truth" is this light it brings revelation, focus and clarity enabling one to see and hear what Gods Spirit is saying. This lets us to come before God boldly (through the blood of Jesus) to hear from Him, to see spiritually, to pray, worship and minister to Him in Spirit and truth. We must be filled with the right spirit and be separated from the spirit of the world we are to be consecrated and sanctified to God, to be able to sing a new song (Psalm. 33:3) in "Spirit and truth" influenced by one spirit only the Holy Spirit.

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The anointing oil of the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

¹⁴ There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. ⁶ And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. ⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: ⁸ for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

Verse 11 in 1 Corinthians 12 suggests that the Holy Spirits light is like a fire on a beach at night that illuminates the people sitting around it, the light from the flames then flickering onto this person or across to that one illuminating them. This is similar to the Holy Spirit bringing revelation through the gifts of the Spirit to this one or that one to enable one to see and hear from God to minister with God to others. This is a picture of how the Holy Spirit works in the midst of people ministering through the gifts of the Spirit.

The anointing (oil) working through the Holy Spirit brings us the prophetic voice of God, this activation builds understanding and faith in us to overcome and be fruitful, it brings us into heavenly realms and supernatural manifestations. The nine gifts of the Holy Spirit are what God mainly uses to speak to us as well as dreams and visions as seen in the New Testament.

Joel 2:23 - 31

And He will cause the rain to come down for you. The former rain, And the latter rain in the first month. ²⁴The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, And the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil. ²⁵ "So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, The crawling locust, The consuming locust, And the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you. ²⁶ You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, And praise the name of the Lord your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you; And My people shall never be put to shame. ²⁷ Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel: I am the Lord your God And there is no other. My people shall never be put to shame.

²⁸ "And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. ²⁹ And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. ³⁰ "And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. ³¹ The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord. ³² And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the Lord has said, among the remnant whom the Lord calls.

As it says in Joel 2, God will give us refreshing rains the former and latter rain of His Spirit we will know He is in the midst of us. He will over flow us with new wine (Holy Spirit presence) and oil (Christ Himself full of truth and light) and restore the damage and wrong things the enemy (Satan) has done to us. God said He will pour out His Spirit on all flesh that we may have visions and dream dreams (hear His

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voice) and prophesy (speak out His words). He will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth (signs and miracles). There shall be salvation for whoever calls on the name of the Lord (forgiveness of sin and eternal life) there shall be deliverance (freedom and liberty from darkness and sin) in Zion and in Jerusalem. Zion and the New Jerusalem are the heavenly habitations of God His home and for those who are in Christ.

The oil and a priest/disciples legacy and the gifts of the Holy Spirit

Exodus 29:6-9

⁶ You shall put the turban on his head, and put the holy crown on the turban. ⁷ And you shall take the anointing oil, pour it on his head, and anoint him. ⁸ Then you shall bring his sons and put tunics on them. ⁹ And you shall gird them with sashes, Aaron and his sons, and put the hats on them. The priesthood shall be theirs for a perpetual statute. So you shall consecrate Aaron and his sons.

Exodus 29:36

You shall also make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it, like the engraving of a signet: **HOLINESS TO THE LORD**. ³⁷ And you shall put it on a blue cord that it may be on the turban; it shall be on the front of the turban.

The anointing oil was poured on the heads of the priests who ministered before the Lord in the Tabernacle to anoint and consecrate them for service before God (the oil of God spiritually enables us to serve God effectively in holiness). The head speaks of authority the head of the priest had a turban on it with a blue sash chord around it then a gold plate was attached to the chord. The gold plate was placed in the front of the turban with the words "Holiness to the Lord" engraved upon it.

A crown was then placed over the top of the turban of the priest the priest was then anointed for service with holy oil. This is an interesting picture of how God does this spiritually with us in the new covenant of a Christ. We become Christ's crown through "Holiness to the Lord". We are consecrated in and through Him the oil is symbolic of Christ Himself with His Holy Spirit in us. In the New Testament Christ is pouring Himself into us through the Holy Spirit, we are to grow mature and learn from Him.

Exodus 29:21

And you shall take some of the blood that is on the altar, and some of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it on Aaron and on his garments, on his sons and on the garments of his sons with him; and he and his garments shall be hallowed, and his sons and his sons' garments with him.

Exodus 29:29

²⁹ "And the holy garments of Aaron shall be his sons' after him, to be anointed in them and to be consecrated in them.

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Exodus 29:44

⁴⁴ So I will consecrate the tabernacle of meeting and the altar. I will also consecrate both Aaron and his sons to minister to Me as priests.

We are covered by God through the shed blood of Jesus and consecrated through the oil of the Spirit that's in Christ. We are able to minister to God the Father and come before Him boldly. The name Messiah means the oily one to be smeared with oil, we become of the same substance as Christ covered in Him. The oil of God and its consecration is intended to move from father to son down through the generations to those who keep their hearts in God and minister to Him it then becomes a perpetual blessing a holy legacy. The natural anointing oil can be used physically to consecrate, commit, dedicate and set apart material items unto God for service such as land, houses, church buildings, clothing and other material goods.

Gal 5:22-25

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. ²⁴ And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

The fruit of the Spirit is a part of the character of the light of the Spirit as the light in us increases so does the fruit it multiplies. This suggests to truly walk in the fruit of the Spirit is to become eternally fruitful in the light of His glory. We are to abide in Christ (the oiled one) exhibiting His fruit to be of the same substance this becomes a testimony a sign that one has truly died to self in ones fleshy desires. We are to let our light shine before all men. Remember John the Baptist said to "show fruits worthy of repentance" (Mathew 3:18).

Mathew 3:3

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight."

Mathew 3:8

⁸ Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance

We are all at differing levels or dying to self (soul life) and walking in repentance being sanctified and cleansed in the soul realm by the word of God (1 John 1:7) (Ephesians 4:20-24). John the Baptist referred to this (Matthew 3:8) when he said to "bear fruits worthy of repentance" this was the key to "prepare the way of the Lord make His paths straight" (Mathew 3:3). The oil of the Spirit in Christ illuminates the path through the light of truth, the word of God, to prepare ones way before Him. God requires us to respond in right believing leading us into righteousness to respond in our thought life is to put in some effort (right decisions and action taken) grace agrees with right effort (doing the right thing) to be fruitful.

John 15:16

¹⁶ You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

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John 15:5

⁵ "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

Each one of us is chosen by God, all the refining and testing we go through is God establishing us in His righteousness (right doing) that we may become eternally fruitful in character and deeds. We are to abide in Christ and He in us, to bear much fruit for without Him we can do nothing that has any eternal value. This shows us Christ is truly the fruitful one the anointed oily one the word of God in us.

1 Corinthians 12:30-31

³⁰ Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.

As Paul said in 1 Corinthians chapters 12 and 14 we should earnestly desire the gifts to edify to encourage one another and the body of Christ. This helps to bring us into illumination, revelation, experiences, guidance, healing and new realms of God supernaturally.

1 Corinthians 14:26-33

²⁶ How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification. ²⁷ If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret. ²⁸ But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and let him speak to himself and to God. ²⁹ Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others judge. ³⁰ But if anything is revealed to another who sits by, let the first keep silent. ³¹ For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged. ³² And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. ³³ For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

1 Corinthians 14:39

³⁹ Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues. ⁴⁰ Let all things be done decently and in order.

The oil of the Spirit flowing brings illumination and activation to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We see it is (1 Cor. 14: 26, 31) for edification and to encourage and of peace in (1 Cor. 14:33) knowing you have heard from God. As mentioned earlier the witness of Christ is the spirit of prophesy (Revelations 19:10) prophesy is the word of God so to prophesy is to be filled with God's word, His flesh, His oil of heaven.

Ecclesiastes 9:7

⁷Go, eat your bread (word of God) with joy (oil of joy), And drink your wine with a merry heart (Holy Spirit presence); For God has already accepted your works. ⁸Let your garments always be white (salvation, righteousness), And let your head lack no oil (anointing, flesh of Christ, word of God).

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Deuteronomy 7:13

¹³ And He will love you and bless you and multiply you; He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your land, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flock, in the land of which He swore to your fathers to give you.

Here we have an example of Gods increase in our lives through obedience to Him we are to "hear and obey" then He will bless us and multiply us in Himself, His grace and favour prospers us. This passage mentions grain, new wine and oil, grain is the seed that makes bread symbolic of the bread of life or word of God (Christ), new wine (Gods tangible presence) and oil (anointing of heaven Christ's substance). We are also to give thanks to God at all times in all things (Leviticus 7:12). So walking in obedience and being yielded to God allows Him to bless and increase the grain, new wine and oil in our lives spiritually bringing us into new levels of the Holy Spirit, truth, revelation, consecration authority and power.

It is also clear in times past for the people of Israel that the main diet of stable foods God had given them in the land consisted of fruits, meat, grain, wine and oil. The grain new wine and oil are all shadows and types symbolic of Christ as it is in the natural so it is in the spiritual. We are to eat of Christ's body (bread of heaven, word of God) we are to be anointed, through Christ (oiled) and abide in His presence through the Holy Spirit (new wine).

In the New Testament, anointing was frequently used in connection with healing. The Holy Spirits activities in a believers life are pictured in terms associated with anointing. Jesus disciples anointed the sick (Mark:6:13), and James instructed the elders of the church to anoint the sick with oil (James:5:14). This anointing was for healing.

Source: Nelson New illustrated Bible Dictionary

The oil brings healing and deliverance

James 5:13-16

¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? 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. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

Mark 6:13

And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

Mathew 6:17

¹⁷ But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

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As written in the book of James and Mark (New Testament) olive oil is used symbolically to activate healing for the sick to cast out demons (sanctifying one from demonic oppression). The oil is a part of faith being activated releasing the anointing of the Holy Spirit bringing healing, this is done through prayer. In the New Testament the anointing oil is also used to anoint oneself when fasting to consecrate the fast before God, this was a command from Jesus.

Isaiah 10:27

²⁷ It shall come to pass in that day that his burden will be taken away from your shoulder, And his yoke from your neck, And the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil.

When using oil that has been prayed over and dedicated to God as Holy anointing oil, it also is used with deliverance. The anointing oil destroys the yoke and burdens of the enemy from oppressing us and weighing us down. In the Spirit the oil deals to the oppression of darkness destroying evil yokes from our lives.

Isaiah 10:27

That his burden will be taken away from your shoulder, And his yoke from your neck, And the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil.

Psalm 23:5

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

The anointing oil of God destroys the yoke of the enemy from our lives it brings deliverance and freedom this is all a part of the healing process in Christ. The Lord anoints our heads with oil that our cups run over the oil brings with it Gods abundance, it prospers us moves us forward. God does this in the presence of our enemies He gives us His mercy and grace His unmerited favour.

The anointing oil of authority

Exodus 29:7

⁷ And you shall take the anointing oil, pour it on his head, and anoint him.

In most cases in scripture the anointing oil was poured or smeared upon ones head (Mathew 6:17) the head in scripture speaks of authority. So effectively we are anointing a person's head or place of authority with the greater authority of God and His Holy Spirit.

Psalm 89:20

²⁰I have found My servant David; With My holy oil I have anointed him, ²¹With whom My hand shall be established; Also My arm shall strengthen him. ²²The enemy shall not outwit him, Nor the son of

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wickedness afflict him. ²³I will beat down his foes before his face, And plague those who hate him. ²⁴"But My faithfulness and My mercy shall be with him.

In the Old Testament the anointing oil poured on the head activated or commissioned that individual into office as a king, priest or prophet. The anointing oil activated and released the Holy Spirit of God upon that chosen individual to empower them for service to the Lord.

Psalm 23:5

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

God's oil is abundant and unlimited in supply causing increase and prosperity in one's life, pressed down and running over God anoints us with the supernatural oil of Himself.

The anointing oil and divine protection

Romans 8:31

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Psalm 105:15

"Do not touch My anointed ones, And do My prophets no harm."

The anointing oil on an individual brings Gods protection upon that individual it marks that individual as Gods and God keeps those that are His (Jn. 17:12).

John 17:11-15

¹¹ Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. ¹² While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.

If we look at Jesus as the oil of heaven in this scripture it reveals again to us that the oil and the Spirit of God make us one in unity with Himself. The oil (Christ) is our protection in God it keeps us, we are fulfilled with Christ's joy "the oil of joy" and given His word (flesh, oil) that is not from this world (Zachariah 4:2-13). We are kept and protected from the evil one will come to know God's love.

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1 Samuel 16:12

And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!" ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward.

The anointing oil marks an individual's life as Gods where He says (Psalm 105:15) "Touch not my anointed" the sovereign protection of God is with the anointed/consecrated (oiled) individual (Romans 8:31) "If God is for us who can be against us" we are strengthened and protected from the evil one by God (The Father) Himself the hand of God is with us He keeps us from the evil one and no one can pluck us from His hand.

Psalm 132:17

¹⁷ There I will make the horn of David grow; I will prepare a lamp for My Anointed.

The oil of God marks us as Gods causing us to become like a lamp in the Spirit shinning a light. God fills us with truth by His Holy Spirit through ongoing revelation causing us to grow in Christ to prosper to shine bright for all to see giving God glory.

The oil of Joy

Isaiah 61:3

To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, that they may be called trees of righteousness.

Hebrews 1:9

⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness (joy) more than Your companions."

Nehemiah 8:10

For the joy of the Lord is your strength.

The oil of joy turns our hearts from mourning to gladness. The oil of joy blesses those who are being saved more than the unsaved it comes through right believing and righteousness. The oil of joy is for our strength it strengthens us spiritually. With the oil of joy we draw water from the wells of salvation.

Psalm 45:7

⁷You love righteousness and hate wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness (joy) more than Your companions. ⁸All Your garments are scented with myrrh and aloes and cassia (Gods anointing oil in us a sweet smelling aroma).

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2 Corinthians 2:14

¹⁴ Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. ¹⁵ For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. ¹⁶ To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life.

It is very clear in scripture that God anoints us with His "oil of joy" to bring gladness to ones heart where there has been mourning and sorrow through this joy. We become the oily fragrance a Christ to others a sweet smelling aroma of God's life and joy in us towards others.

Isaiah 12:2 - 3

²Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; For Yah, the Lord, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation. " ³Therefore with joy you will draw water From the wells of salvation.

The Joy of the Lord gives us strength, it positions us and enables us spiritually it's a key that unlocks God's blessings in our lives. The "oil of joy" is the joy of God and with this joy we drink of Christ and draw from the wells of salvation we are to drink of His abundant waters "for the joy of the Lord is our strength" (Nehemiah 8:10).

Romans 14:17

¹⁷ for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

John 15:11

¹¹ "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

John 17:13

That they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

Acts 2:28

You will make me full of joy in Your presence.

Acts 13:52

⁵² And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Psalm 16:11

¹¹You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy.

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The oil of God contains an abundance of joy this "oil of joy" is a big part of God's kingdom and the nature and character of the Holy Spirit in us. We are to be filled with the Lords "oil of joy" it is a very real part of Him in us, a key to receiving this joy is when we love and follow righteousness (right believing and right doing) giving one peace. His fullness of joy and the Holy Spirit are designed to remain in us the joy of the Lord is our strength for He is our mighty strong tower the life force within us. In Ecclesiastes () it suggests we are to always walk in righteousness and lack no anointing (oil) we are to be anointed continuously refreshed in God's presence which is fullness of joy.

The oil (word of God) and anointing to preach

Isaiah 61:1-3

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ²To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, ³To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified."

This is a well known passage of scripture proclaimed by Christ Himself in a synagogue when He first started His ministry. The anointing (oil) is released for preaching the gospel to the poor in heart, to bring healing to the brokenhearted to proclaim liberty or freedom to the captives and the opening of prison to those who are bound to comfort all who mourn to give the oil of joy (Christ Himself) for mourning.

The oil (Christ) of the new covenant and of power

Jeremiah 31:31

New Covenant of Christ

³¹ "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah-³² not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ³⁴ No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord, for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

Isaiah 54:13

¹³ All your children shall be taught by the Lord, And great shall be the peace of your children.

The essence of the new covenant in Christ is in the anointing (oil) He deposits in us. This is where we will no longer have to go to our neighbour and say look He is Lord but God Himself teaches us all things. The new covenant of Christ established by God the Father through Christ to us is where He teaches us

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about Himself personally. To each one who is saved you come into a new covenant with God where He anoints you with supernatural oil and the Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

²¹ Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, ²² who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

The anointing (oil) of God marks us it is Gods seal (authentication mark) of promise (reward), the guarantee of our salvation. We are sealed with Christ Himself He is the anointing (oil) and filled with His Holy Spirit.

1 John 2:20, 27

²⁰ But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. ²⁷ But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

The oil of anointing abides in us given by God the Father that we may know all things this anointing teaches us concerning all things in Christ it's a deposit from heaven of Christ Himself (word of God ,truth and grace) in ones spirit.

Acts 10:38

³⁸ How God anointed (smeared with oil) Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

Mathew 3:11

¹¹ I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Revelations 11:3

³ And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth." ⁴ These are the two olive trees and the two lamp stands standing before the God of the earth. ⁵ And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner. ⁶ These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.

The anointing oil carries with it the in filling of the Holy Spirit and power it is also tied into the ability to prophesy and the manifesting fire of God. In the Old Testament the oil was placed in the lamps (menorah, lamp stands or candlestick) and set alight to burn a flame of light continuously before God.

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The oil of heaven (Christ) brings unity and honour

Psalm 133:2

¹ Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity! ² It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, The beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments. ³ It is like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the Lord commanded the blessing- Life forevermore.

Ephesians 4:13

¹³ Till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

The (oil) anointing of God brings unity of faith into the midst of people's hearts, where he commands a blessing. It is the same blessing as the unity between the Holy Spirit and the anointing oil of God. The anointing (oil) is Gods seal in us. God then gives us His Holy Spirit to us to dwell in us teaching us all things pertaining to Himself. The Holy Spirits light and teaching can only be upon or in something that has first been consecrated (oiled) as holy receiving God's presence.

Judges 9:8-9

⁸ "The trees once went forth to anoint a king over them and they said to the olive tree, Reign over us! ⁹ But the olive tree said to them, should I cease giving my oil, with which they honor God and men, and go to sway over trees?

In these verses from Judges 9 this parable indicates that God also sees His people as trees. The scripture in the Old Testament likens Israel to an olive tree (Romans 11:17). The olive tree itself represents authority over people "Kingship" and situations this is the oil of authority "Christ Himself" the oil is also used to honor both God and men.

2 Kings 4:7

³ Then he said, "Go, borrow vessels from everywhere, from all your neighbors-empty vessels; do not gather just a few. ⁴ And when you have come in, you shall shut the door behind you and your sons; then pour it (oil) into all those vessels, and set aside the full ones." ⁵ So she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured it out. ⁶ Now it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." And he said to her, "There is not another vessel." So the oil ceased. ⁷ Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debt; and you and your sons live on the rest."

Prophetically this passage of scripture is very symbolic of how God pays our debt of slavery to sin God protects us from the evil one and cancels all debt of sin full atonement forever. The anointing oil He deposits in us is valuable and brings prosperity. The oil in us is supernatural and alive it multiplies through Gods unmerited favour His grace at work in us, the oil increases so we can give to others "to shine our lights". As human beings we are empty inside until we meet God and get saved then He fills us with Himself.

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We have a God space within us a container a room of relationship an inner chamber just for the oil of heaven (Christ) and the Holy Spirit to dwell in, joined to us in us. The oil of heaven is unlimited it will never run dry until every vessel (person) God wants to save touch and fill has been achieved. The oil of God was sent to us by God as a part of our salvation His seal and promise, proof of the payment of Christ and His shed blood that we are forgiven of our sin debt forever.

Revelations 6:5-6

⁵ When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. ⁶ And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."

Jesus was the only one able or qualified to open the seals of heaven and is the only one whom seals us (2 Corinthians 1:21-22) with salvation from the Father. Here we have the black horse of the apocalypse judgments the third seal of six that were opened. The Black horse was ordered not to touch the oil and the wine. The oil of God (Christ) and wine (Holy Spirit) in us protects us from the judgments coming into the earth from heaven in these last days.

The black horse represents scarcity on the earth recession and depression in economies a lack of provision famine in finances, work and food. Those oiled (smeared with oil) or marked by God and filled with new wine (Holy Spirit) will be provided for in times of scarcity. The oil and wine of God has an activation and release of prosperity and provision attached to it, this comes from God to provide for us supernaturally.

Olive press process

The Old Testament always reveals pictures of Jesus Christ as a shadow of what was to come. Christ was concealed in the Old Testament and then revealed in the New Testament. In Old Testament days when early Hebrews made olive oil it was a process the olives for the olive oil were crushed to get the olives ready to be pressed for the extraction of olive oil. The olives where then collected from the crushing machine and put into another machine called the olive press to extract the olive oil. The olive press also removed the bitterness from the flesh of the olives for the oil to be extracted. There were up to three presses made with the crushed olives to produce oil extracts from the olives.

1. With the first press the extra virgin olive oil was obtained and used for the anointing oil to anoint, bless, consecrate, heal and honour men and for oil lamps and for the lamps of the tabernacle to burn brightly.

This is also a picture of Christ whom was crushed and bruised on the cross. Christ then released the light the oil and the anointing of the Holy Spirit to us at Pentecost. Unless something is crushed it cannot flow like a flower needs to be crushed in order to get the oily fragrance out Christ's essence was released when He was crushed. It pleased the Father to bruise His Son for us. Gethsemane in Hebrew means "oil press" this was where Jesus first began to be pressed or bruised (Garden of Gethsemane) to produce the spiritual oil of heaven for us. Christ consecrated us and gave us a new and living way through His flesh "oil of heaven" and shed blood. God the Father always uses oil to consecrate something as to be set apart and made holy so Christ is the symbolic oil of heaven.

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Hebrews 10:20

²⁰By a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh.

This happened to the point where Jesus sweat great drops of blood from his forehead (Luke 22:44) a sign of tremendous strain and pressing upon Christ for what was to come, the cross.

2. The second pressing of the olives to get further oil was used mainly for medicine or for medicinal purposes by the Hebrews. This is also symbolic of Christ and His sacrifice for us when He was scourged and whipped for our healing. Natural oil when consumed has many healing properties to it for health benefits such as lowering cholesterol and clearing blocked arteries.

Olive oil, which is rich in monounsaturated fatty acids, is a major component of the Mediterranean diet. Populations from that region have longer life expectancies and lower risks of heart disease, high blood pressure and stroke. The oil is used in cosmetics, medicine, cooking and soaps, and was also used as a fuel for traditional lamps. Although originating in the Mediterranean countries, today it is used worldwide.

Olive oil is the main source of dietary fat in the Mediterranean diet, which is associated with a low death rate from cardiovascular diseases compared to other parts of the world. People who regularly consume olive oil are much less likely to develop cardiovascular diseases, including hypertension (high blood pressure), stroke, and hyperlipidemia (high blood cholesterol and triglyceride levels). Regular olive oil intake helps reduce inflammation, endothelial dysfunction (problems with the inner linings of blood vessels), thrombosis and carbohydrate metabolism.

See: http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/266258.php

Isaiah 53:5

⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

3. The third pressing of the crushed olives oil extract was to be made into soap for hygiene and cleaning. This was also symbolic of Christ upon the cross where atonement was made to cleanse us of our sins to release forgiveness to us to wash away our sinful record Christ took our sins upon Himself.

Malachi 3:2

² "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like launderers' soap.

John 13:5-7

He (Christ) poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. ⁶ Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but

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you will know after this." ⁸ Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me."

Acts 22:16

¹⁶ And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

It is well known today in medical science that in order to keep contamination levels down from the spread of certain bacteria and diseases one needs to wash regally with soap and clean ones hands continually when dealing with medical concerns as standard hygiene practices especially when dealing with people.

Olive oil production

Olive oil is produced by growing olive trees, harvesting the olives (at around September timeframe), crushing them with an oil press, and collecting the golden juice. This process started about 5000 year ago, and its popularity and worth increased ever since.

Olive oil was used as a cooking oil, food, lighting fuel, soap making, religious ceremonies and medicinal use. Its production was one of the major sources of income in the Holy Land over thousands of years, including modern times when the olive oil is an essential ingredient in the Middle East cuisine.



olive tree in Hilazon creek

During the Roman and Byzantine periods the number of oil presses was in the thousands; many farmers had their own private installations, and larger public industrial complexes generated huge amount of olive oil. In the area of the Golan heights alone, 109 oil presses were found in 58 ancient sites (ref: Atiqot XXXIV), most of them operated during the Roman and Byzantine period.

The olive oil production process was based on two major steps: The first step requires crushing the olives using a crushing stone, and collecting them into a basket. The second step is

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done on another installation: the basket is pressed with force, extracting the oil out of the crushed olives and collecting the juice into a storing vat.

There were different types of machines that were used to crush the olives and then press the oil out of the crushed olives. They differed in their size, method of operation, use of human or animal power, infrastructure and capacity. Most of the oil presses had a single crushing stone and basin, and one or two pressing devices.

Structure of common olive crushers

These devices were the first process of the olive oil production, where the olives were crushed and placed into a basket.

(a) Rolling stone press ("type 3"):

This oil press used a large rolling stone to crush the olives. The stone was held upright by an axis, which was connected to a long handle. The handle was pushed by humans or animals. The mashing stone rolled along a cavity on the circumference of the base, crushing the olives. The crushed olives would then be collected into a basket and then further processed by the oil press.



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Structure of common oil presses

The oil press device was the second step in the olive oil production, where the crushed olives were pressed with force in order to extract their juice.

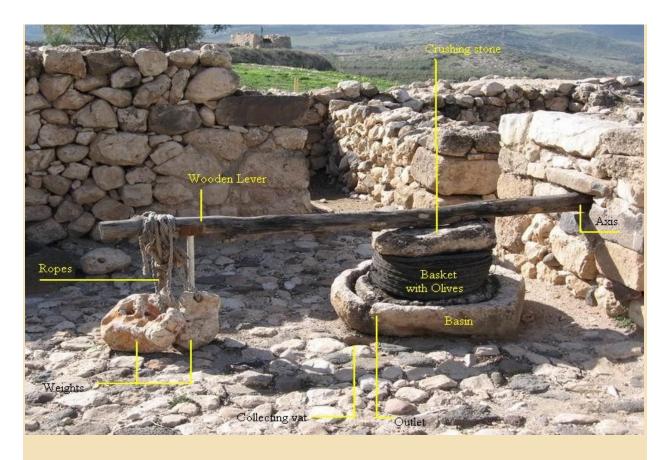
There are several common types of ancient oil presses, which did not change much after the Hellenistic period. These were classified into several types, which were defined and numbered in Rafael Frankel's doctorate thesis. The most common types are detailed below - #3 (Rolling stone), #4 (lever based) and #7 (direct pressure screw).

(a) Lever based press ("type 4"):

A reconstructed oil press, seen below, was found in a 8th C BC four-roomed house above the palace in Tell Hazor. This is a typical lever-based oil press which was in use in the Biblical periods. Later the oil press evolved into other types of machines.

In this oil press, a stone weight was tied to the edge of the wooden lever, pushing the lever down. The use of a lever exerts a large force over a small distance. The force of the lever pushed a flat stone down on a basket, which contained the olives. The stone squeezed the basket, extracting the precious olive oil unto the round grooves of a basin stone. The juice flowed down along these grooves, out through an outlet in the basin, and down into a collecting vat. The olive juice contained water and oil. After a few days, the lighter oil in the juice floats above the water, and it is then collected and stored in jars.

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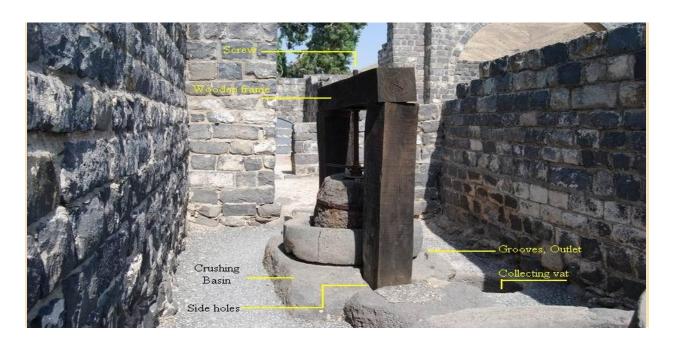


(b) Direct-Pressure screw press ("type 7"):

A direct-pressure oil press, seen below, was found and reconstructed in a 5th-8thC AD church in <u>Kursi</u>. This is a typical screw-based oil press, using a direct pressure crushing method. It was widely used in the Golan and Galilee in the Hellenistic and Roman/Byzantine periods.

In this oil press a vertical screw was fixed inside a wooden frame. The frame was supported by a stone base with holes on each side. The screw was turned around with a short handle, which pushed down a crushing stone upon the basin. The juice flowed out from an outlet into the collecting vat.

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See: http://www.biblewalks.com/info/OilPresses.html

The oil of God

- It heals
- It contains the Word of God and comes from heaven
- It delivers
- It is pure and of the truth
- It fills us with gladness and Joy
- It illuminates
- It consecrates and refines
- It is Holy Spirit fire fuel
- It sanctifies
- It protects and honours

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- It prospers one and brings multiplication
- It is Christ's flesh the bread of heaven
- It protects from famine
- It is anointed in God's presence
- It authenticates
- It seals us and marks our salvation before God
- It contains blessings
- It activates God's presence
- It receives the Holy Spirit
- It sets apart and separates one from sin
- It holds power to prophesy
- It contains authority and is one of the keys of heaven
- It brings unity
- It has aromas to it
- It brings two realms into agreement
- It mandates the office of the Priest, King and Prophet
- It manifests from the supernatural realm into the natural realm
- It is both in the natural and in the spiritual "Golden olive oil"

Sanctification: Gods Work. We are sanctified by God the Father (Jude 1), God the Son (Heb. 2:11), and God the Holy Spirit (2 Thess. 2:13; 1 Pet. 1:2). Perfect holiness is Gods command (1 Thess.:4:7) and purpose. As Paul prayed, Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely (1 Thess.:5:23). Sanctification is a process that continues during our lives as believers (Heb.:10:14). Only after death are the saints referred to as perfect (Heb.:12:23).

Sanctification: The Believers Work. Numerous commands in the Bible imply that believers also have a responsibility in the process of sanctification. We are commanded to be holy (Lev. 11:44; 1 Pet. 1:1516); to be perfect (Matt.:5:48); and to present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness (Rom.:6:19). Writing to the church of the Thessalonians, the apostle Paul made a strong plea for purity:

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This is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God (1 Thess.:4:35). These commands imply effort on our part. We must believe in Jesus, since we are sanctified by faith in Him (Acts:26:18). Through the Holy Spirit we must also put to death the evil deeds of the body (Rom. 8:13). Paul itemized the many works of the flesh from which we must separate ourselves (Gal.:5:19). Finally, we must walk in the Spirit in order to display the fruit of the Spirit (Gal.:5:22).

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