

## **LIVING AN ANOINTED LIFE** **Psalm 23 – Part 9**

*“You anoint my head with oil”* (Psalm 23:5 NIV).

### **WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE ANOINTED?**

- **Anointed by God (Internal)**

When God’s Holy Spirit gives you insight, ability, stamina, authority, or protection that you don’t normally have in order to do a job that He has chosen you to do.

- **Anointed by People (External)**

When someone prayerfully applies some oil to your skin as an outward sign of what God is doing inside you.

(In the Bible, oil is often used as a symbol of God’s approval, presence, blessing, power, comfort, healing, joy, favor, prosperity, and authority.)

### **WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GOD’S ANOINTING**

#### **1. When God Appoints Me, God Anoints Me**

*“The One who calls you is faithful, and He will do it”* (I Thessalonians 5:24 NIV).

#### **2. God’s Anointing Makes Me a Better Person**

*“Then Samuel took a flask of olive oil and poured it over Saul’s head. He kissed him on the cheek and said, ‘I am doing this because the Lord has appointed you to be the leader of His people Israel...At that time the Spirit of the Lord will come upon you with power and you will prophecy with them. You will be changed into a different person. After these signs take place, do whatever you think is best, for God will be with you”* (1 Samuel 10:1, 6-7 NLT).

#### **3. God’s Anointing Makes Difficult Tasks Easier**

*“From His unlimited resources, God will give you mighty inner strength through His Holy Spirit”* (Ephesians 3:16 NLT).

*“I can do everything with the help of Christ who gives me the strength I need”* (Philippians 4:13 NLT).

#### **4. God’s Anointing Makes the Impossible Possible**

*“What is impossible for men is possible with God”* (Luke 18:27 NLT).

*“God’s power at work within us is able to accomplish infinitely more than we could dare to ask for or even imagine”* (Ephesians 3:20 NCV).

#### **5. God Anoints My Life to Bless Others**

*“The Spirit of the Lord is on me and He’s anointed me to bring good news to the suffering and afflicted. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted, to announce freedom to captives, and to open the eyes of the blind. He has sent me to tell those who mourn that God will give beauty for ashes, joy instead of mourning, and praise instead of heaviness!”* (Isaiah 61:1-3 LB).

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**6. For Every New Challenge, I Need a Fresh Anointing**

*“Sow new seeds of righteousness, and you’ll reap the fruit of My love, and break up your old hardened ground. It’s time to turn to Me and seek the Lord! Then I’ll come and shower new blessings on you!” (Hosea 10:12 TEV).*

*“You don’t have it, because you don’t ask God” (James 4:2 NIV).*

*“(The Lord) gives us grace and glory. No good thing will He withhold from those who walk along His paths” (Psalm 84:11 LB).*

*“The anointing you received from Christ lives in you” (1 John 2:27 GW).*