Fresh Anointing!

Psalm 92:10

10 But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

The second law of thermodynamics is this: EVERYTHING TENDS TOWARDS DISORDER.

- "left to itself, an isolated system tends toward a state of maximum disorder"
  - Left on their own, isolated from outside influence, things tend to get worse, not better.
  - Order tends towards disorder.
- Even the universe that God created is subject to this rule

Hebrews 1:10-11

10 And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: 11 They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

The fact is that things tend to get worse when left on their own, not better.

- Everything in our lives, if left alone will eventually fall apart!
  - Everything under the sun is in a constant state of deterioration!

Your Car

- Your car is probably the best example that I can give you this morning.
  - When you got in that thing and drove it off the lot, it was fine piece of machinery in top operating condition (we hope!)
  - But, unless you take care of it, it won’t stay that way.
- There are certain maintenance issues that have to be taken care of on a regular basis.
  - Every 3,000 miles you need to get your oil changed.
  - My friend, if you don’t take that car in for an oil change the engine will eventually seize up on you.
  - You can’t just take off driving it and expect everything to remain the same!

Cell Phone

- Cell Phones have become a regular part of life.
  - Many of us don’t even have home phones any more.
  - However that cell phone runs off of a battery that has to be recharged.
- Left to it’s own devices, it will fail you when you need it most
  - If you don’t give it a little regular maintenance.

I once had a job that centered around a

- Highly sophisticated, very technical printer
  - This machine featured Computer driven precision to the 1000<sup>th</sup> of an inch
  - But one day, mid-print, it developed a mind of its own
Lost it’s place and began to track erratically.
I was very worried that my 100 Thousand dollar machine was broke.
I called the manufacturer and said, Man have I got a problem… this is terrible.

They said, Mr McCall, you don’t have a problem at all – **that’s just a basic maintenance issue.**
There’s this little strip that needs to be cleaned on a regular basis!

This principle is not limited to machines; Your body will fall apart if you don’t take care of it!
- If you don’t believe that, just wait a few years.
  - Time will take it’s toll
  - You can fight it, and if you are diligent you can put it off
  - But mark my words, time will catch up with you.
- Your physical body is in a constant state of decay.

Even human relationships are subject to this basic law.
- One of the problems in many marriages is this.
  - The romantic atmosphere that culminates at the wedding alter
  - Is based, in large part, upon an infatuation between two people that supercedes everything in their lives.
    - In those dating years nothing is more important than being together, everything else takes a second place.
  - The problem is that over time, life happens…
    - Jobs become more intense, kids come along, obligations and commitments pile up
    - And our attention is divided among so many important things
    - That if we are not careful we fail to find the time to maintain the romance in marriage.
  - It is entirely too easy for life to get in the way.
    - A marriage needs fresh romance and fresh affirmation.
    - The things you did yesterday or a year ago won’t sustain your relationship in the future.
  - It takes simple basic maintenance, day-to-day care to develop a healthy relationship.

It is just a simple basic fact of life, order tends towards chaos.
- Anything, left unattended will eventually break down.
- Go ahead and drive that car 10-15 thousand miles without an oil change
- It Will leave you stranded somewhere, because it’s eventually gonna quit!

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN OUR LIVES
- The most important thing in our lives that we must guard against deterioration is our walk with God!
  - Your walk with God requires regular, daily effort to maintain it.
  - You can’t afford to go extended periods of time without allowing the influence of the Holy Ghost to work in your life.
• Your spiritual life will tend towards maximum disorder when left to its own devices.
  o Don’t kid yourself and say, well it will get better on its own.
  o I’m just struggling a little but I’ll come thru it eventually.
  o My friend, if you don’t practice some spiritual maintenance it won’t be long
    before decay and deterioration takes over and your spirit will be destroyed!

I come to tell somebody in this house today that you need a Fresh Anointing!
• It’s been too long since you got lost in the Holy Ghost.
  o It’s been too long since your heart was under the influence of the presence of
    God.
  o It’s been too long since you allowed God to search your heart,
    o test your intentions,
    o and quench the thirsting in your soul!
• I come to tell you, on a Wednesday Night, that it is time to find some Fresh Oil!
  o It is time to get into the presence of God and make up your mind,
  o I’m not going home until I’ve been anointed with FRESH OIL!

Philippians 2:12 12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence
only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and
trembling.
  • Salvation is not something that happens by accident.
  • You gotta work at it!
  • It requires regular maintenance!

Paul said in 1 Corinthians 9:27
27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have
preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

For this cause Paul makes another statement in 1 Corinthians 15:31
31……... I die daily.
  • Can I tell you that living for God takes daily maintenance!
    o You must daily visit the throne of God!

I don’t believe anyone ever intentionally drives a car into the ground without changing the oil.
• I don’t believe that anyone intentionally ruins a motor because they refuse to take care of
  basic maintenance needs.
  o But life happens… And we get so caught up in the day-to-day grind.
  o We gotta rush here and run there.
  o Take care of this and go do that.
• Quite unexpectedly, life happens and we simply overlook the necessary.
Somehow the oil change falls to the back burner.

- It’s more important to keep gas in the car and keep it washed on the outside,
  - After all no one can see the condition of the motor oil, it’s all nicely hidden away inside the motor.
- And then one day we are cruising along and we happen to glance up at that crazy little sticker and it dons on us, Oh No! I’m 1000 miles over due for an oil change.
  - Life Just happens that way.
  - It’s entirely too easy to let the simple maintenance things slide.

By the same token,

- I don’t believe that anyone ever woke up and said, Today I’m gonna lose out with God.
  - I don’t believe anyone ever wakes up and says today I don’t need God.
  - I don’t need to pray today.
  - I don’t need to be in the presence of God today.
  - I’ll just coast along and everything will be all right.
- Instead we let life get the better of us
  - We get bogged down in day-to-day living.
  - We don’t intend to let our spiritual life slip,
  - but it becomes so important to do this and take care of that
  - We get all the stuff taken care of
  - and somehow the most important thing in our lives gets overlooked.
- We get so busy that we forget to pray one morning,
  - then a day without prayer develops into a week
  - and before we know it, it becomes a month…

You need to be in the presence of Jesus EVERY DAY!

- There is not a day that goes by that I don’t need to feel the power of the only one that can:
  - **Forgive sin**
  - **Restore my joy**
  - **Renew my mind**
  - **Cleanse my heart**

The rule applies to you

- Leave your flesh to it’s own devices and it will do what it does best – Separate you from God
- Leave yourself isolated, untouched by the Master’s hand,
  - And your spiritual condition will tend toward maximum disorder,
- **EVERY DAY** you need to be anointed with FRESH OIL!
  - You need Fresh anointing
  - Fresh Holy Ghost
  - **Fresh Vision**
THE PSAHMIST SHARES A TIMELESS TRUTH WITH US IN OUR TEXT
• We need FRESH OIL!
• David speaks often in the Psalms of the daily need to be in the presence of God
  o A Daily need for fresh anointing.

Psalm 61:8
8 So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, that I may daily perform my vows.

Psalm 68:19
19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation.

Psalm 72:15
15 And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised.

Psalm 86:3
3 Be merciful unto me, O Lord: I cry unto thee daily.

Psalm 88:9
9 LORD, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched out my hands unto thee.

When God provided for Israel in the wilderness
• He also endeavored to teach them a spiritual principle
  o The manna was freely provided by heaven
  o But it had to be gathered by the people.
  o Not only that, but it had to be gathered daily
  o And the stipulation was that you only gathered enough for the day at hand!
• If they tried to keep today’s manna until tomorrow,
  o the Bible says it rotted, stank, and worms came out of it!
• Yesterday’s manna is not good enough for today!
  o God will freely give you what you need to make it thru this life
  o But you gotta go to the throne and get it – DAILY!!!
• Yesterday’s oil won’t get you thru today!
• You need FRESH OIL!

There’s a reason why Jesus said in the Lord’s prayer, Matthew 6:11
11 Give us this day our daily bread.

And In Luke 9:23:
23 And he said to them all, **If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.**

This thing is a daily walk!

The church in the Book of Acts understood the need for daily dedication!

Acts 2:46-47

46 And they, **continuing daily** with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart. 47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord **added to the church daily** such as should be saved.

Acts 5:42

42 And **daily in the temple**, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

A few years ago I took the hunting trip of a lifetime, one I hope to repeat someday. Before I left for Colorado, I was warned about the thin air and the need to be in shape. I decided that I was going to do everything that I could to get this old body ready to face those mountains.

- I did it. But it took work.
  - I ran 2 miles a day, I was in the weight room at the gym every morning from 5-6am.
- It didn’t happen fast and it wasn’t easy.
  - There was no quick fix, no miracle shake, no easy one a day pill.
  - It took hard work and dedication, but that October, when we headed for Colorado, I was in the best shape of my life.

Can I tell you tonight that if you are out of shape spiritually, if you are struggling with your flesh or a sin problem

- There are no quick easy fixes.
  - There is no 3-step plan.
- It all comes down to a walk!
  - Day-to-day living.
  - It all comes down to basic spiritual maintenance!
- You gotta get into the presence of God tonight and get an oil change
  - But then you gotta go back again tomorrow and the next day and the day after the day after that!
  - We need a fresh anointing, we need a fresh oil change!

There’s a reason why the bible tells us that God’s mercies are new every morning!
Lamentations 3:22-23

22 It is of the LORD’S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. 23 They are **new every morning**: great is thy faithfulness.

Because every day, we need fresh mercy!
- It doesn’t matter what happened yesterday,
  - You need fresh mercy for today!
  - Fresh grace for today’s situations
- Fresh anointing is available to us on a daily basis!

Luke 2
- Tells an interesting story of Mary and Joseph actually losing Jesus when he was only 12 years old
- The story is interesting for several reasons
- First of all, they lost Jesus in Jerusalem, at a feast
  - It would be safe to say they lost him in church.
  - It is possible to lose the presence of God while sitting on a church pew.
- As a matter of fact, the bible says they lost him when they went up to Jerusalem **AFTER THE CUSTOM OF THE FEAST**
  - **They lost Jesus while they were still fulfilling their customs!**
  - **They lost Jesus while they were still going through the rituals.**
  - **It is possible to fulfill our customs, standards, rules and regulations and lose Jesus!**
- The reason they lost him:
  - **They supposed He was with them!**
  - They went a day’s journey thinking he was with them
  - They didn’t bother to check, they just assumed!
- Just like Samson when he arose and knew not that the presence of God had departed from him!
  - How can we sit in the church and lose the Holy Ghost?
  - How can we sit in the presence of Jesus Christ Himself and lose Him?
- When we fail to make our walk with him fresh on a day-to-day basis!
  - When we just assume that we are okay, that he is still with us!

When it came time to find Jesus,
- They sought him among friends and acquaintances but he wasn’t there!
  - Just being around good people won’t get you thru
  - You gotta make your own experience fresh!
- They found him IN THE TEMPLE
  - That’s where we are tonight, in the house of God
  - Jesus is here,
  - It’s time for somebody to find him, right where you left him.

CLOSE:
It is easy today to put on our Pentecostal facades and pretend that everything is OK

  • After all no one can see the condition of our soul
    o Our spiritual condition is safe from prying eyes.
    o Instead we focus all our attention on making sure we look good on the outside.
  • Jesus ran into a crowd like that one day, they had it all together on the outside,
    o They looked right, they sounded right,
    o But he called them Whited sepulchers full of dead men’s bones
    o Attractive on the outside but dead, dry and decrepit on the inside

Some of you spend more time getting ready for Sunday School on Sunday morning than you spend in the presence of God all week long.

  • You’ve been too long between blessings
  • It’s been too long since you were anointed with fresh oil
  • I’ve come to tell you today, more than you need anything else, you need a fresh anointing.
    o You need to find your way to an alter and pray until you pray thru.

What we need in this place tonight is not just another 10 minute alter call where we appease ourselves, ease our guilt and walk away unchanged.

  o Somebody needs to find a place in this alter and pray until they rend the heavens and the glory of God comes down!
  • We need fresh anointing, we need FRESH OIL!

It’s time to come back to the temple and find Jesus right where you left him!