

Study 13: The Anointed One

In this study we want to explore the baptism of Jesus a little more. The word Messiah means “anointed”. Jesus was the Messiah - the ‘Anointed One.’

The Old Testament book of Daniel prophesied that this would happen:

- **Daniel 9:24** Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to **anoint the Most Holy**.

We find the start of the seventy weeks in verse 25:

- **Daniel 9:25-27** Know therefore and understand, That **from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince**, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times. And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined. Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate.

These are the verses that most Jews don't want to read. They give the exact time when the Messiah could be expected. The decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem went forth in 457 BC. When we apply the day for a year principle (Eze 4:6; Num 14:34; Luke 13:32) and add the 70 weeks (490 days = 490 years) to 457 BC then we arrive at the year 34 AD.

The prophecy states that the Messiah will come after the seven weeks and the sixty two weeks, which is 483 days or years. So adding the 483 years to 457 BC brings us to 27 AD when Jesus was anointed as the Messiah:

- **Acts 10:38** how God **anointed 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**.

In this verse we find all Three Persons of the Godhead - Jesus anointed with the Holy Spirit by God.

“According to the prophecy, this period was to reach to the Messiah, the Anointed One. In A.D. 27, Jesus at His baptism received the anointing of the Holy Spirit and soon afterward began His ministry. Then the message was proclaimed, "The time is fulfilled." Mark 1:15.” **Prophets and Kings pg. 698.1**

Matthew 3:16, 17 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the **Spirit of God descending like a dove** and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Why did the Holy Spirit come down as a symbol of a dove?

- “The emblem in the form of a dove that hovered over Jesus at His baptism represents **His gentleness of character**.” --Manuscript 19, 1892. {2SM 238.1}

In Isaiah 11 it tells us what that character was made up of:

- **Isaiah 11:1, 2** There shall come forth a **Rod from the stem of Jesse**, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. The **Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him**, The Spirit of **wisdom and understanding**, The Spirit of **counsel and might**, The Spirit of **knowledge and of the fear** of the LORD.
- **Isaiah 11:4** But with righteousness He shall **judge** the poor
- **Isaiah 4:4** When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the **spirit of judgment** and by the spirit of burning,

Here the Bible refers to the seven characteristics which the Holy Spirit gave to Jesus from the Father:

- The Spirit of wisdom
- The Spirit of understanding
- The Spirit of counsel
- The Spirit of might
- The Spirit of knowledge
- The Spirit of fear
- The Spirit of judgment

Jesus received the complete seven-fold anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Revelation refers to the seven Spirits of God (Revelation 1:4), which symbolizes the completeness, fullness, or perfection of the Holy Spirit.

In receiving God's Spirit Jesus was anointed to do the work of God. He did miracles when he received that power:

- "Jesus at His baptism received the anointing of the Holy Spirit and soon afterward **began His ministry**." **Prophets and Kings pg. 699**

After king Saul received the anointing of the Holy Spirit he prophesied or can we say he did miracles:

- **1 Samuel 10:1, 6, 10** Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on his head, and kissed him and said: "Is it not because the LORD has anointed you commander over His inheritance? ...Then the **Spirit of the LORD** will come upon you, and you will **prophesy** with them and be turned into another man. ...When they came there to the hill, there was a group of prophets to meet him; then the **Spirit of God** came upon him, and he **prophesied** among them.

On the day of Pentecost Jesus was anointed in heaven as our High Priest and when the anointing oil dripped from Jesus the Holy Spirit came upon the people in the upper room and they did miracles after that.

Here is an Old Testament prophecy pointing to this anointing of Jesus in heaven:

- **Psalms 133:1, 2** Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to **dwelt together in unity!** 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.

Here the Bible equates the anointing of the high priest, Aaron, with brethren dwelling together in unity. This is the same thing that happened at Pentecost. The people were in unity and at the same time Jesus was anointed as High Priest in heaven:

- **Acts 2:1-4** When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with **one accord in one place**. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all **filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to **speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance**.

“Christ's ascension to heaven was the signal that His followers were to receive the promised blessing. For this they were to wait **before they entered upon their work**. When Christ passed within the heavenly gates, He was **enthroned** amidst the adoration of the angels. As soon as this **ceremony** was completed, the **Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples in rich currents**, and Christ was indeed glorified, even with the glory which He had with the Father from all eternity. The Pentecostal outpouring was Heaven's communication that the Redeemer's **inauguration was accomplished**. According to His promise He had sent the Holy Spirit from heaven to His followers as a token that He had, as **priest and king**, received all authority in heaven and on earth, and was the **Anointed One** over His people.” [Acts of the Apostles pg. 38.3](#)

The result of the anointing by the Holy Spirit is that miracles will follow, or, more specifically, the gifts of the Spirit will be evident. We read of this in Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, and Ephesians 4.

Why did I include this study? There are some anti-Trinitarian people that teach that Jesus did His miracles through the angels and that it wasn't the Holy Spirit who gave Him that power. The reason they teach this is because of a statement in the Spirit of Prophecy.

“I have opened them for you, and **the angels of God**, that are united with me in the reconciliation between earth and Heaven, uniting the believers on the earth with the Father above, will be ascending, **bearing the prayers** of the needy and distressed from the earth to the Father above, and descending, bringing blessings of hope, courage, health, and life, for the children of men. The angels of God are ever moving up and down from earth to Heaven, and from Heaven to earth. **All the miracles of Christ** performed for the afflicted and suffering were, **by the power of God, through the ministration of angels**. [2 SP pg. 67](#)

Here are other statements that help to interpret the above statement:

- “There are **miracles to be wrought** in genuine conversions,--miracles that are not now discerned. The greatest men of this earth are not beyond the power of a wonder-working God. If those who are workers together with Him will be men of opportunity, doing their duty bravely and faithfully, God will convert men who occupy responsible positions, men of intellect and influence. **Through the power of the Holy Spirit** many will accept the divine principles. Converted to the truth, they will become agencies in the hand of God to communicate the light.” [Acts of the Apostles pg. 140](#)
- “The **promise of the Spirit is not appreciated as it should be**. Its fulfillment is not realized as it might be. It is the absence of the Spirit that makes the gospel ministry so **powerless**. Learning, talents, eloquence, every natural or acquired endowment, may be possessed; but without the **presence of the Spirit of God**, no heart will be touched, no sinner be won to Christ. On the other hand, if they are connected with Christ, if the **gifts of the Spirit are theirs**, the poorest and most ignorant of His disciples will **have a power** that will tell upon hearts.” [Christ Object Lessons pg. 327](#)
- [Luke 24:49](#) Behold, I send the **Promise of My Father** [The Holy Spirit] upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with **power from on high**.
- [Luke 1:35](#) And the angel answered and said to her, “The **Holy Spirit will come upon you**, and the **power of the Highest will overshadow you**; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.”
- [Acts 2:4](#) And they were all **filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak with other tongues, as the **Spirit gave them utterance**.
- [1 Corinthians 12:11](#) But one and the same **Spirit** works all these things, **distributing to each one individually as He wills**.
- [Acts 10:38](#) how God **anointed 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.
- [Luke 4:18](#) The **Spirit of the LORD is upon Me**, Because He has **anointed Me To preach** the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me **to heal** the brokenhearted, **To proclaim** liberty to the captives And **recovery of sight to the blind**, To set at liberty those who are oppressed

- **Matthew 12:28** But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.

When the original statement says that Christ performed miracles by the “power of God” it meant that Jesus received that power from the Holy Spirit as the above statements and verses confirm. But the angels are the ones that administered the miracles. ***The point is you first need the power of the Holy Spirit and then the angels can administer the miracles.***

The reason why this statement is taken out of context from what we just studied in Scripture is that the goal is to dethrone the Holy Spirit from His rightful position as the Third Person of the Godhead.

In the last days when the latter rain falls then the sevenfold outpouring of the Holy Spirit will take place one more time on those who have been sealed. Once more the people of God will do miracles with the power of the Holy Spirit through the administration of the angels.

In our next study we will study the Godhead and the cross...

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