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# 1

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This volume stymied the Preaching for A New Millennium series, not because of the messages involved but because of the tumultuous events of 2008. Our church sustained significant damage through a storm named Ike in September of that year. Days later, the economic collapse of 2008 happened, and I detail the seven-year struggle that ensued in my book *The Point of Low Points*.

Practically, it meant several things. The storm destroyed our extensive ministry training film library and studio. Thus, we abandoned a fledgling ministry (Pentecostal Ministry Training Network) and passed it along to the UPCI headquarters, which ultimately became Ministry Central. I stepped away from other ministry positions to focus on the long, slow effort of rebuilding the church. It also meant a complete overhaul of our church ministries into more of a reach-and-teach model. And, of greater importance to this series, my attention grew severely diverted during this season and the years following.

Unsurprisingly, the bulk of the messages in this volume emerge from the first few months of the year. We tried to survive in the last few months of the year, and preaching isn't too pretty in survival mode. Through it all though, I can say this: if my preaching lacked relevance or was too theoretical, it suddenly changed in 2008. Storms—physical, spiritual, emotional, relational—make it real and gritty again.

This message kicks off a year like none other. We needed it in ways I couldn't imagine when I preached it. But isn't that always the way it is?

## I. Opening Comments

Oil is big in Texas.

In a sense, oil has defined the modern history of the Lone Star State. Where oil is, towns emerge with their churches, schools, and employment. Where oil is not or once was, civilization shrinks.

But another type of oil has come to Texas. This is the new frontier for “black gold” and “green gold.” Olive oil.

Last year approximately 2.8 million tons of olive oil were produced worldwide. And it’s not enough.

Americans alone consumed 226,000 tons of olive oil in the same year, twice as much as the year before. Most of that oil was imported. But that’s about to change.

Grupo Sos, the world’s largest producer of olive oil, has deemed South Texas its next harvest field. The land is cheaper and more plentiful here than in Spain and other Mediterranean countries. The climate is similar enough to grow olives.

The company recently bought the American Rice plant in Freeport. A refining and bottling plant for olive oil is reserved for that site. And from Freeport, the oil can be shipped to locations far and near.

Olive oil is not only for cooking.

Olive oil has been used for thousands of years for another purpose.

Anointing. David said these words:

*Psalm 92:10*

*I have been anointed with fresh oil.*

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## A FRESH ANOINTING FOR A NEW DAY

### II. Introduction

Change is coming. Your change is coming.

It is not coming through a capitol in Austin or D.C.  
It is not coming through the employer, the bank, or the stock market.  
It is not by might. It is not by power.  
His Word says that change comes by the Spirit.

God's Spirit brings change into your life.  
Not incremental, but monumental.  
Not momentary, but eternal.  
Not exclusionary, but inclusionary.  
Not meagerly, but abundantly.

God's Spirit is bringing a new day. A new day dawns in your life.

Like the seasons, you are transitioning from one place to the next.  
Like a ship, you are in a passage—from a pond to an ocean.  
Like a rocket, you are soaring—from gravity to freedom.

Deliverance is found in the new day.  
Provision is found in the new day.  
Old chains are falling off.

Yesterday's problems are blowing away like faded, crackled leaves:  
Debilitating attitudes. Crushing oppression. Chronic pain and sickness.  
Fatiguing doubts and paralyzing fears.

They fall off. They step back. They cower in fear.  
Before the light of a new day!

Don't tell me I have to cope.  
Don't whisper and say, "It will always be this way."  
Don't say that I must learn to settle for second best.  
That I must live as a pauper when I know that I'm a child of the King.  
A new day beckons.

As surely as I was born to be born again. As certainly as the sun sets to rise again. A new day approaches.

Self, the lesser body, must yield to the greater Body.

Self, the earthy man must rotate and revolve toward the Heavenly God.

Soon the Sun will rise with healing in His Wings.

What are you saying, preacher? I'm saying that a "New Day is on its way."

For whom? For you.

When? Soon.

Today? Could be.

Be it unto you according to your faith!

As Kirk Franklin sings: *Hold on, my brother; your change is gonna come.*

Don't tell me to wait for a convenient season.

Don't push back into a forever of tomorrows what God can do today.

Look! The waters are troubled.

The wind blows through the tops of the mulberry trees.

God is marching. Angelic chariots of fire encircle us.

Lift up your eyes!

Someone shout it! "My change is coming!"

A new day is dawning.

Gone are the shadows of regret.

Gone is the darkness of fault-finding and unforgiveness.

Heaven reaches for me!

Heaven calls my name!

Anoint me with fresh oil!

There is a fresh anointing for a new day.

### III. Text

#### A. Setting: The Practice of Anointing

From antiquity, olive oil has been used for anointing. Prophets, priests, and potentates have bowed their heads before men of God and sovereigns to have olive oil poured on their heads, and oil flowed down their heads, faces, necks, and shoulders.

We learn quickly in Scripture that this anointing of oil symbolizes the work of God's Spirit.

When David was first anointed with oil, the Spirit came upon him from that point forward (I Samuel 16:1–13). In the chapter following this anointing, we see David squaring off in a valley with a giant named Goliath. What David did, how he played the harp under the inspiration of the Spirit, how he fought, and how he reigned—all were evidence of God's Spirit being with him.

In the Old Testament, the word for anointing means to “pour.” Similarly, Joel said that in the Last Days, God would “pour” His Spirit out on all flesh (Joel 2:28–29, Acts 2:17).

In the New Testament, the word for anointing means to “rub” or to “smear.”

#### *II Corinthians 1:21–22*

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

God's Spirit is no longer upon us; He now works in us.

In the past, His Spirit moved as the unpredictable wind blew through the branches of the trees, and it also moved as a fire burning within. Just as the New Testament is “better” (Hebrews 7:22), so is the abiding of the Spirit greater. It's an abiding anointing, forever fresh and new.

John said we have an anointing, an unction.

*I John 2:20*

*But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.*

This abiding anointing should constantly flow. Especially when a new day dawns.

## **B. Speaking Points**

1. A fresh anointing is needed.

Only David, the man after God's heart, expressed that need: the need to be anointed with fresh oil.

The old grows . . . old.

Yesterday's experience is so . . . yesterday.

David desired something new.

David was anointed at least three times.

- The anointing of identification and calling (I Samuel 16:1–13)

Samuel brought David from his father's sheepfold and anointed him in Judah. In effect he said, you're not simply a commoner. You're royalty, not simply Jesse's son. You're a child of God. This anointing was solely for David and those closest to him. Few were in the crowd that day, but those present never forgot the message: "David belongs to God."

- The anointing of separation and service (II Samuel 2:4)

Many years later, the tribe of Judah anointed David as their king. Before his people, he was elevated—a prophet "with honor" in his own country. This anointing laid down the tracks of David's life: what he was to do and to become. Equally important, this anointing healed David's past. He had been a fugitive for years and hunted like a wild animal. Now, he was no longer that. Healing oil flowed, covering his thoughts, his eyes, his ears, his nose, and his mouth.

- The Kingdom anointing (II Samuel 5:3)



The third anointing took place when David was thirty years of age. He had been king over Judah alone. Now, the entirety of the tribes of Israel gathered to make him king over all. New authority brought new power. The Jebusite fortress atop Mount Zion was assaulted and defeated. The City of David became the capital of Israel.

David had three anointings. It follows that the Son of David, the Lord Jesus Christ, also had three anointings.

In fact, the word Christ means “anointed one.”

- In the Jordan River, the Spirit descended on Jesus as a dove (Matthew 3:16).
- At Simon the Pharisee’s house, a sinner woman anointed Him (Luke 7:38).
- Six days before His death in Bethany, Mary anointed Him (John 12:3).

David was anointed three times.

Jesus was anointed three times.

The early church was anointed three times.

- First was a prophecy of a future anointing, when Jesus breathed on His apostles and said, “Receive ye the Holy Spirit” (John 20:22).
- Second, the reality came when the Spirit descended upon them. They spoke with tongues as the Spirit gave them the ability (Acts 2:1-4).
- Third, in Acts 4, the Spirit came upon them again (Acts 4:31).

Others experienced an anointing. Does God somehow view us differently? Or what He performed back then, He could do again today?

The Spirit moves when the world is dark. Check.

The Spirit moves when people are thirsty. Check.

The Spirit moves when all hope seems lost. Check.

God saves the best for last. At the end of time, God will pour out His Spirit upon all flesh.

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Our need is great.

Left to ourselves, we grow stiff, starchy, and set in our ways.

We become judgmental, opinionated, and cranky.

Left to our own devices, we find reasons why others can't be saved.

We find faults in others.

Our attitudes grow hard and brittle.

Our prayers grow fewer and more repetitious.

Our worship gets mechanical and self-satisfied.

We need a fresh anointing.

Our problem may not be our arthritis.

It may be the need for fresh anointing.

Your problem may not be your neighbor.

It may be that you need a fresh anointing.

Your brother, your sister, your husband, your wife.

Your employer, your coworker, your teacher, and your fellow student.

Any or all of these may not be your problem.

The problem may be that you need a fresh anointing.

Your problem may not be a preacher, a teacher, a musician, or a singer.

Your problem may not be on another pew but on your pew.

David said in another psalm:

*Psalm 51:11–12*

*Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.*

A fresh anointing from Heaven will restore your joy.

2. A fresh anointing blesses us seven ways.

Our text is in Psalm 92. This is the psalm of the Sabbath, to be sung loud and clear in God's house.

Just after David said, “I shall be anointed with fresh oil,” he enumerated seven ways such a fresh anointing blesses us.

*Psalm 92:11–15, KJV*

*Mine eye also shall see my desire on mine enemies, and mine ears shall bear my desire of the wicked that rise up against me. The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; To shew that the LORD is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.*

Benefit #1: “Mine eye shall see.” The anointing gives us a new vision. To a carnal church in the last days, Jesus told the Laodiceans, “Anoint thine eyes . . . that thou mayest see” (Revelation 3:18).

Benefit #2: “Mine ears shall also hear.” The anointing will give us a fresh understanding of God’s voice. We hear God speaking clearly.

Benefit #3: “The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree.” A palm tree survives the storm. An oak tree may not. A pine tree may not. But a palm tree can be blown where its leaves are pounding the ground.

Seems to say, “Rejoice not against me O mine enemy . . . I’m getting up again” (paraphrase, Micah 7:8).

A fresh anointing.

Benefit #4: “He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.” A cedar tree is strong and has a long life.

Benefit #5: “Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.” David once said, “I am like a green olive tree in the house of God” (Psalm 52:8). A fresh anointing gives an evergreen spirit: always green, always growing.

Benefit #6: “They shall still bring forth fruit in old age.” This is the heritage of those who have a fresh anointing. Still being used, still being blessed, still being fruitful.

Benefit #7: “To show that the Lord is upright; He is my rock.” From the new anointing comes a firm foundation. We grow to trust the Lord more and more.

Whatever burden, oppression, weight, or yoke we encounter. It’s the anointing that breaks the yoke (Isaiah 10:27). The fresh flow of the Spirit brings freedom and liberty.

3. Have faith to receive.

We speak what we see and hear in faith. Faith doesn’t look at problems. It looks through problems and sees God’s might.

The anointing dispels unbelief and vanquishes doubt.

Isaiah saw Babylon falling.  
He saw the triumph of light over darkness.  
He saw the oppression leave.  
He saw a new day coming.

His command?

*Isaiah 21:5*  
*Arise, you princes, Anoint the shield!*

In Bible days, a fighting shield was comprised of a hoop of metal or wood over which was stretched a piece of animal hide. To be useful in battle, the shield had to be anointed with oil.

Faith is like that shield. It must be anointed with fresh oil. Anointed shields are like mirrors that catch the light of a new day. They repel the enemy.

#### **IV. Close**

Your new day is coming.

You may have awakened today and thought: same old day, same situation, same hurt, same misery.

But something drew you to this place saying, “My change is coming. A new day is about to dawn.”

The years of leanness now give way to years of plenty.

Something is on the move in your life.

A turnaround has come.

The comeback beckons.

The windows of heaven now open wide.

A burden-breaking, yoke-destroying anointing is coming your way.

Anoint me with fresh oil!