

Anointed with the Holy Spirit: Acts 10:34-43

This is Peter's description of Jesus' ministry to the family of Cornelius. It's a description of how God worked through Jesus... and how God can work through us.

Acts 2:38 You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

The Chosen shows Jesus doing miracles as a man anointed by the HS, not because he was God incarnate. Jesus didn't do miracles because he was God. He did miracles because "God was with him." Peter used Jesus' human title "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus did miracles as a man anointed by the Holy Spirit who walked in perfect obedience to his heavenly Father.

Anointing represents consecration and power to serve God. It's in the OT and carries over into the NT. The anointing of Jesus of Nazareth fulfilled the OT prophecy that Jesus quoted at the beginning of His public ministry.

Luke 4:18: ¹⁶ Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷ And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

*¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

- Jesus was anointed to do good works.
- Jesus was anointed to proclaim good news (gospel) to the poor.
- Jesus was anointed to proclaim liberty to oppressed captives of the devil.

*Example from *The Chosen* - There is a beautiful and powerful portrayal of Jesus freeing Mary from the devil's oppression. Jesus calls her Mary of Magdala and

quotes Isaiah 43:1: *But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."*

The devil is the god of this world. The whole world is under the power of the evil one. 1 John 5:18-19: *We know that no one who is born of God sins; but He who was born of God keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him. We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.*

Some "D" issues that are effects of the Devil's oppression.

Disease is the devil's oppression. If it keeps you from doing good then it is oppression. Jesus set people free from disease as the devil's oppression. Luke 13:16 (10-17): *"And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?"* The woman had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She had an illness caused by the devil's oppression. (All disease is an effect of the curse upon creation. The cause is Adam & Eve's sin. Not all disease is *directly* from Satan, but Satan has the power to afflict people with disabling disease.)

Deception is the devil's oppression.

John 8:44-45: *You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me.*

The devil's oppression can be mental. It is lies in the mind. This is probably the most common and successful way the devil oppresses people. If you believe lies and they are the motive for your actions then you are oppressed by the devil.

- If you believe the lie of evolution then you are under the devil's oppression.
- Gender confusion is the devil's oppression. Facebook's 71 gender options is demonic oppression.
- If you think same-sex marriage is OK with Jesus Christ then you believe a lie and are under Satan's oppression.

One lie in your mind puts you under the oppression of the devil. The more lies you believe the greater your oppression by the devil. We are transformed by the renewal of our mind. So get the Word of God in your mind and heart!

Romans 12:2: *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the **renewal of your mind**, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

Depression is the devil's oppression. Depression is damaged emotions rooted in anger, bitterness, resentment, and fear. The devil lives in anger and fear. The only escape from these damaging emotions and the devil's oppression is forgiveness. Hebrews 12:15: *See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled.* Forgiveness uproots the root of bitterness and its anger.

Damaged emotions: I can recall the first time I received an emotional healing. Someone had left me with an emotional scar. It felt like a weight was lifted off me and I was free.

Depression: Can a boxer be anointed by the HS to win a boxing match? Listen to Tyson Fury's testimony after winning the World Heavyweight Championship. He was redeemed from bi-polar depression and drugs by Jesus Christ. He went from 400-258 lbs. (-142 lb.). Tyson saw the boxing match as a contest between the Spirit of God in him and the devil in his opponent Deontay Wilder (who believed he was possessed by an ancestral spirit).

Fear: 2 Timothy 1:7: *God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.*

Believing false ACCUSATION is the oppression of Satan. Satan is an accuser. 'Satan' means accuser and adversary. Any time you struggle with the burden of accusation you are struggling against the oppression of the devil. The devil's accusation is trying to take root in your soul and poison your heart and mind. We are made in the image of God. We are children of God in Jesus Christ.

Revelation 12: ⁷ *Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸ but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹ And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and **Satan, the deceiver of the whole world**—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, **for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and***

night before our God. ¹¹ *And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.*

We must have two things to overcome the accusations of Satan. We must be cleansed by the blood of the Lamb because it removes our sin guilt and condemnation. Therefore, Satan has nothing to accuse. We must have a testimony of faith in Jesus Christ.

Application: The ministry that Jesus did He can do through anyone who loves and follows Him and is committed to His Great Commission. Every Christian can be anointed with the HS and power to do good and heal people oppressed by Satan as Jesus did.

*Extra Credit: Francis Chan is now an example of this. Listen to one of his latest messages posted in February (2/26/20): “I’m Leaving for the Gospel 2020.”

Pray to walk in perfect obedience to God the Father as Jesus did. Ask Jesus to completely deliver you from any of the devil’s oppression. Ask for the anointing of the Holy Spirit.