

The Pathway To The Anointing Is A Path Less Trekked By Many
Although, Few Still Dare To Walk Upon.
I Dare You!

EARNEST DESIRE TO PRAY

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Without The Anointing Of The Holy Spirit.
Everything Change In A Man's Life
The Day He Get Anointed.

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I dedicate this book to the Lord Jesus Himself! Jesus, I really do want to pour out my life on You! You are the lover of My soul— how I long for your courts and to enter into Your presence. I am a ruined man before you met me and first loved me! Thank you, Jesus!

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Blessings to you all!

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Most people wish to be anointed, but they fail to realize that the anointing comes with greater responsibilities and consecration unto a cause and a purpose. God has no problem anointing people, but most times He wonders if mortal men can be trusted with the anointing of The Holy Spirit.

The anointing of The Holy Spirit has no limitations; we are the limit! We are the limitation of the anointing of The Spirit, since God is the supplier of the anointing and God cannot be lacking in resources –cannot run out of the anointing. There can never come a time when God will be short of the anointing rather, man can become so myopic and finite to limit the flow of the anointing of The Holy Spirit through him. Since men are like conduit tubes in which the unlimited anointing of The Holy Spirit flows, then the conduit tube has a high probability of being faulty limiting the flow of the anointing from its unending source.

Many times I ask people, how much of God can you contain? Or how much of the anointing of The Holy Spirit can you contain? The answer to that question lies upon individual capacity to contain God's Spirit- it depend on you. You can choose to enlarge your spiritual capacity through prayers to contain more of God so that you will not be the limiting factor when it comes to the functioning of the anointing.

The word “ANOINTING” simply means to rub with oil, i.e. to anoint; by implication, to consecrate; also to paint: - it is a smearing with oil, the pouring on of oil or the act of smearing with an oil. From

all indications, the word “anointing” is always related to oil which The Spirit of God is being poured into man to fuse with his spirit and make him become one with God in spirit.

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

Joel 2:28-29

Everything changes when a man becomes anointed. He begins to speak differently, perceive differently and see things in the perspective of God, because he is now one with Him. Slaves and servants become sons immediately The Spirit of The LORD is poured upon them. A new identity is given to them and the anointing begins to function in their lives. Here is the amazement: common men become a centre and focus for the dealings of God with man. As God continues to pour out Himself into man, he becomes more like God on the earth. Sooner or later he becomes the responsibility of God and God begins to reprove people that come against the man that He anoints. God is always jealous for the people He anoints, because they carry so much of His nature that He must defend as it is written:

Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

Psalms 105:15

The anointing is related to the unction of The Holy Spirit which is the ability of The Spirit of God to teach us in His own language and to guide us aright in life.

Unction means the act of anointing or divine sanctification by grace. We possess this ability in God to be sanctified by His grace and receive this token that connects us to Him. The unction of The Holy Spirit grants us access into the current speaking of God for the moment. It comes as a release from The Spirit to give us illumination and revelation to know deeper truth at an instant. This can occur solemnly in prayers and in time of personal meditation.

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Prayer as a tool and vehicle for access into the anointing cannot be overemphasized. It is not an option, but a necessity and a prerequisite if we must attain greater levels in functioning in the anointing. Prayer is a legal permit for God to interfere in the affairs of men on earth. When we pray, not if we pray: because we have to pray, make petitions, supplications and request unto God, He interferes on behalf of us.

Nothings seems to happen on earth except a man or a woman prays and gives permission for God to function on the earth.

The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

Psalms 115:16

As the scriptures says, the heaven is The Lord's, but the earth He has put under the jurisdiction of men who are His sons and representatives upon the earth. If these sons will not give Him the permission to come and help them, then He will do nothing, because He will not break His law.

God is SPIRIT and He lives in a realm not like the earth. Our realm is a realm of the mortals which is a natural realm. Nevertheless, the influences of the spiritual realm affect us positively or negatively. The realm of the natural is only fit for men to be visible to function. If God must walk the earth, then He definitely needs a human vessel that must yield to Him, giving Him expression through influence so that the man can function on His behalf.

When we pray, we position ourselves aright for God to influence us so that He can reveal Himself through us on earth. For God to reveal Himself, He must first of all make us fit to be able to contain Him and represent Him aright. Since man is mortal and live in a physical realm relating with a God that is in the spiritual world will be complicated and almost impossible if not simplified by God Himself whose interest needs to be satisfied.

In that manner, God anoints people giving them heavenly resources in the form of a smearing of oil from above that causes them to know His speaking and movement on the earth. If God must do anything on earth, it must be via someone He has anointed overtime because only such a person can understand Him and be able to respond to His

demands. It is amazing how God never does anything or just chooses to anoint a man without him first praying and asking Him to release His Spirit upon him, so that he can represent Him effectively on earth.

If you have ever seen the manifestation of God in a place as seen in many revivals throughout history, then you would know that there were people who took it upon themselves to invite God into the town or city to come manifest Himself.

When you read through the scriptures, you will realize that at several times, our forefathers—kings, Prophets, Apostles etc. called on God in prayer and He answered them by releasing His anointing upon them through His Spirit so that they can function on His behalf on earth. In times past, we saw many God's generals that cried for revival, that the presence and the fire of God might fall on their cities and towns that will let men and women turn to God. These God's general gave themselves to much prayers, day in day out consecrating themselves and fasting believing that one day their prayers will be answered. It did not take too long before God anointed them with uncommon grace and abilities to go heal the sick, raise the dead and cast out devils.

This was done by the gifts of The Spirit and the presence of God falling upon their cities and turning people's heart towards Him. All these are what is called "revival" and it never came without prayers and much more yielding to The Spirit who found expression through mere mortals. When you study the moves of God, there are always pioneers, people that took it upon themselves to invite God through prayers to their cities. These are the same people that were endued with strength and gifts to represent God on earth.

Many years ago when God began to stir up our hearts on campus to pray, it was like a continual burning fire inside us. Little did we know that it was an invitation from God to reveal unto us deeper truths and bring us to the place of the anointing. God can invite men to come pay the price for the anointing if there is a need and there are not many who are willing. You can also initiate an invitation by praying and positioning yourself aright by asking God to send His spirit upon your city through releasing His Spirit upon you and enduing you with gifts and power to function on the earth.

Suddenly, we found ourselves praying for hours and asking God for an outpouring and a revival to fall in our locality. It took months before we began to realize that our prayers had a profound effect and carried the ability to change our society. We began to see manifestations of the spirit at work in our lives, gifting of the spirit was activated and the boldness to witness onto others was activated.

Many people began to dream dreams, see visions and even prophesy, prophecy became common to us. It was like the heavens now dwelt amongst us. We did not have much knowledge then to know that we were walking in an open portal which made the realities of heaven real to us daily. As we grew and matured, we realized that it was the hand of The LORD that was at work in our lives.

Prayer opens you to the spirit world to begin to do business and deal with The Spirit of God, Angels and the Watchers of God sent to watch over terrains. Prayer creates a link to heaven over you so that you can be hearing and seeing things that goes on in the heavenly realm. As you begin to pray, you will realize a release of power and strength upon you by God. The Holy Spirit builds more conviction in your heart to believe God the more. Prayer helps convert the potential *dunamis* power we received when we first got baptized in The Holy Spirit to *kinetic* power that flows to others. This power helps bring deliverance and healing to many.

Communion

In our relationship with people, deep secrets are usually communicated in the inner chambers or the closet where no one can hear except between the people involved, this also applies to our communion with The Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the conveyor of the secrets and mysteries of The Father. He carries it to us from heaven and as we commune with Him, we experience that partnership and sharing of His nature and ointment upon us. The residue that is left after the communion is the anointing. It gets to rub on us as we allow Him to infill and fellowship with us in the inner chambers of our heart and soul.

The Holy Spirit carries the atmosphere of heaven since He alone has the access to both realms and dwell as such. Man also has access

into both realms, but must be guided and led by The Holy Spirit into the spirit realm so as not to be misled. After much communion, the nature of heaven is exchanged between us and the Holy Spirit as we fellowship with Him. He gives us access into deeper mysteries of things yet untold.

And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Roman 8:27

The bible says that, The Holy Spirit searches into the heart of God even the deep things of God. If you must be heavily anointed you must be well equipped with God's truths, principles and values, and these things lie in the depth of the heart of God. Only The Holy Spirit has access into that depth, and He can reveal it to you the more you fellowship with Him. The Holy Spirit seeks and desires a deep fellowship and communion with man at all times. You have to be available!

Encounters

Encounter simply means to meet face to face with a thing or a being. For you to be anointed in God, you must have lots of encounters with divinity and must be shown certain glory of God that resides in the heavenly. Encounters build you and not just encourage you. It forms certain structural patterns in you to be able to contain God. God desires that we encounter Him and see His glory, as it is written:

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:13

A man of prayer is never lacking in encounter as encounters are a common thing in the place of prayer and communion. It is easier for God to reveal Himself, His glory and majesty in the place of encounters. His unconditional love is also experienced which comforts us through the hard times in seeking to find rest in Him.

As you begin to pray, you will encounter angels which are messengers from God sent to release impartations to you, while some

come to give you instructions and even help you through spiritual warfare; for the pathway of a man of prayer is never lacking in spiritual warfare. As you strive for mastery in God, attaining greater height in the realm of the spirit, you will find demonic spirits trying to resist and contend with you. Most times, they are resisted by the angels of the Lord because He has put them in charge of us.

Some other times, when you are summoned into the court of God, angels are sent to come and take you into the heavenly realm to experience apostolic speaking into your spirit by God. These speaking shape you and even form the basic foundation for you to be able to relate with Him. The speaking and impartation of God contains the necessary resources needed for your effectual functioning on the earth. Most times after an encounter, I discovered certain gifts of The Spirit beginning to function in my life which were absent before.

Never take for granted your daily spiritual encounters, they are as important as your quest for the anointing. As you commune with The Holy Spirit, He takes you to the place of encounter, not just with angels or heavenly beings, but He takes you to the very presence of Christ Jesus to see The Father's nature of love in His glory. Jesus Christ is the anointed one! When you encounter Him, you have encountered the anointing and He will smear upon you the oil of Himself and the virtue that constitutes Himself to walk and act like Him.

I have been caught up to the very presence of God The Son and saw Him in His glory. The unexplainable unconditional love He released cannot be forgotten. The beauty of His voice and the perfection of His beauty is beyond description. He spoke to me in my spirit and I spoke also from my heart and He released an impartation upon me that I have not recovered from till now.

Many a times, if you are to encounter Jesus Christ as He dwells in the heavenly throne, you will be taken by an Angel to His presence. Sometimes the Angels switch you by rank to each other until you reach the court of God. In the presence of God, you will fall as a dead man. discovered certain gifts of The Spirit beginning to function in my life which were absent before.

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It is worthy of note that in our need and gullibility to have an encounter, we may fall into the trap of the enemy; as the devil can also masquerade himself as an angel of light to deceive believers who lack knowledge and are desperate for spiritual encounters. We must be able to discern and test all spirits knowing fully well that not even Jesus Christ will contradict the scriptures and its truths because He is the word.

All through the scriptures, we see men and women cry out to God to be used as agents for change and God used them to cause dramatic change upon the earth. These men were normal men, but the anointing of The Holy Spirit upon them gave them the boldness and authority to command such results. The same can be done by you and me if we can only pray and ask God to influence our lives and make us carriers of His presence and power on the earth as our fathers the generals did.

Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

James 5:17- 18

This reveals to us that Elijah was a man like you and me, but because he prayed, he was able to command enormous power and authority over a nation. He was a righteous man, so are we! If we can also pray and travail as he did, then we will conquer anything that exalts itself above the knowledge of Christ Jesus.

In 2 chronicle 6:19-40, 7:12-15, we saw how Solomon a righteous man made supplication unto God and He heard him and harkened to the prayer of His people. My friends learn to talk to The LORD, speak to Him and ask Him anything you need. If there is a man to pray, then there is always a God that will answer. Until we ask, He can do nothing.

And when the day of Pentecost was 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 all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Act 2:1-4

We saw a historic Jewish event coinciding with spiritual timing and heavenly ordination when Jesus Christ was enthroned and glorified as stated in Psalm 110:1

The LORD said unto my Lord, sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

Psalms 110:1

The Apostles and other disciples gathered together in the Upper room as commanded by Jesus Christ where they prayed and asked God to fulfil that which was spoken by His Holy prophets about

the outpouring of The Spirit of truth and a baptism of fire. As they gathered and prayed in one accord, suddenly there was a sound of a rushing mighty wind and The Spirit of God rested upon each of them like a cloven tongue of fire and gave them the utterance to speak in other tongues. This gave them power and authority to function like Christ Jesus when He walked the face of the earth.

We must be careful not to be like the others who neglected the gathering of the Upper room of which only 120 were present. There were many other disciples that were downstairs enjoying the event of the feast of Pentecost eating and drinking as usual. It was never written that only 120 should gather at the upper room to be endued with power. It would have been pleasing to God if all of Jerusalem got baptized in the upper room. Unfortunately, only a few understood the timing of The Spirit and aligned themselves to get the gift of The Spirit while others feasted as usual.

The first step to the anointing is to ask God to send His Holy Spirit of truth to come and fill us like He did to the apostles. If you are already filled with the Holy Spirit, you can still ask Him to infill you again with a fresh baptism like He did to the apostles.

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Acts 4:31

That was a scenario of a terrible time when the apostles were forbidden to preach in the name of Jesus Christ, fear gripped them. As they came together and gathered again tarring in praying with faith, The Holy Spirit descended upon them again in a new dimension giving them boldness to witness with no fear of the persecution of men. Always continue in prayers, fervent in spirit, speaking in tongue always as The Spirit gives you utterance to enlarge your capacity to contain more of His anointing in you. Continue earnestly in the fellowship of The Holy Spirit communing with Him daily. Amen.

Shalom!!!

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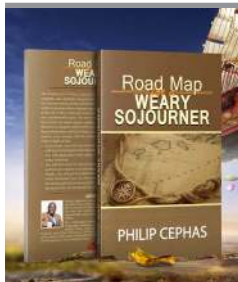
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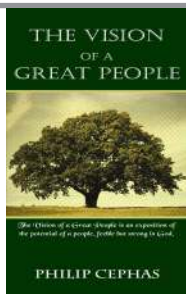
This manuscript is likened to a compass employed by a spiritual sojourner to journey to the desire destination without being weary and tired, lacking the strength, passion, zeal, courage, and the understanding to press further into the realm of light and life.

THE PROPHETIC AND VISION



The prophetic and vision is a revelation from The Holy Spirit, and a clarion called into the experiences of the prophetic. You don't have to be a prophet called into the office of the prophetic to function in the prophetic. The speaking and dealings of God is prophetic in nature.

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The vision of a great people is a lile story and a fiction of a family who has been helped by God and still being helped by Him. Among many systems of God expansion upon the face of the earth, a man is pivotal.

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My heart bursts its banks, spilling beauty and goodness. I pour it out in a poem to the king, shaping the river into words:

Ps 45:1 MSG

The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.

Ps 68:11 KJV

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