

## CHRIST IN YOU THE HOPE OF GLORY

### The Enemy Of The Anointing

#### I. Your success in life is dependent on your ability to access this anointing

- A. People who fail in life fail where accessing the anointing is concerned
  - 1. If the power of God would have been accessed you would have won
  - 2. People who succeed are the ones who understand how to activated and release this anointing in their lives
- B. Through tradition Christianity has been made out as this thing, where when he get in trouble we pray to God and He does something; however Christianity is us being "Christ-like," and tapping the power of anointing and doing what God has called us to do, rather than delegating the responsibility of our lives back on Him
  - 1. How did Jesus operate:
    - a. Matthew 4-He didn't pray and ask God to make the devil leave
    - b. Matthew 8-Centurion-He didn't pray ask God to heal him
    - c. Matthew14-He didn't pray and ask God for more bread
    - d. Mark 4-He didn't pray and ask God to calm the storm
    - e. John 11-He didn't pray and ask God to raise Lazarus from the dead
  - 2. Jesus tapped the potential/power that was in him and released into situations that needed changing
    - a. Don't bring OT principles in here that don't line up with the NT way of doing things
    - b. Well if we cry long enough before God maybe He'll do something
  - 3. Yeah, but that was Jesus; **NO!** He was a man anointed of God with the Holy Ghost and power
    - a. John 14:12-It was the Father dwelling within him doing the works
  - 4. In most situations of crisis Jesus didn't pray and ask God to do something
    - a. He spend significant time in prayer and when the crisis came what he had been fellowshiping with God in prayer came roaring out in the time of crisis and he did what he'd been learning from God in prayer
- C. We don't live trying to work up the power of God all the time
  - 1. 1 Thessalonians 1:3-You work to develop in love and faith
  - 2. The anointing of God/the power of God will respond to a consistent lifestyle of developing in love and faith

#### II. The greatest enemy of anointing, is the spirit of fear

- A. Matthew 14:24-Fear's function is not just to get you frightened, but it's function is to shut off the anointing, clearing the pathway for the oppressor to oppress the fearful

1. 26-The disciples were operating at a place where fear was right up at the ready
  - a. They spoke in fear
    - (1) Matthew 12:35-Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks
  - b. They cried out for fear
    - (1) They acted in fear
  - c. Ecclesiastes 7:9-Anger rests in the bosom of the fool
    - (1) You can have something resting at the ready in your spirit
    - (2) As a born again child of God, you don't have the spirit of fear
      - (a) God didn't create your spirit with fear in it
    - (3) Fear has to feed into your spirit & practice to get the place they're at with fear up at the ready
    - (4) You get to this place where you're constantly outside of the love of God and when you do you are feeding fear into your spirit and practicing it
      - (a) With your mouth you feed and practice love and faith or fear and strife
  - d. When they saw Jesus they thought it was a spirit coming after them; it was a time of pressure
    - (1) In that pressure, fear was right up at the ready, and went to work in their lives to shut off the anointing
    - (2) They didn't have to think to respond in fear, they just did it
  - e. Many people feed fear and practice it so much that it's always right up at the ready for them to respond in it and talk it
    - (1) What you feed and practice, whether faith and love or fear and strife, will be at the ready in your life all the time
    - (2) I feed love and faith, I practice love and faith, that way my response is always one of love and faith, preparing the atmosphere necessary for the anointing to work
2. 27-The first thing that Jesus dealt with was the fear
3. 29-Peter acting on the words of Jesus-That's faith
  - a. To just take a step out there in the middle of sea, in the middle of the night, where your boat is being tossed around took some faith
  - b. He walked on the water-That's the anointing
4. 30-Peter wasn't struck/hit with fear until he turned his eyes and mind upon the wind
  - a. That's not love (Love God will all your mind)
    - (1) Fear comes by giving your attention to the words of Satan (Romans 10:17, 1 Samuel 17:11)
    - (2) He didn't love Jesus enough to keep his mind and attention on what he said
  - b. He's afraid-That's not faith-he had faith in the winds ability to knock him down
  - c. He began to sink-That's failure

- d. The anointing shut off and he was overpowered/oppressed by the devil
- 5. 31-Jesus said his problem was his little/weak faith
  - a. His faith didn't get little until he got outside of love and gave his mind to something other than God's Word
  - b. The moment he got out of love where his mind was concerned, his faith was contaminated with fear/care, it became little and could not work to connect to and activate the anointing
- B. Job 3:25-Job had a hedge around him and the power in that hedge was the anointing
  - 1. 25-26-Job got in fear, the anointing turned off, the oppression began
  - 2. Job 1:5-He made his sacrifices, but they had no power because they were done in fear and not in love and faith
- C. Mark 6
  - 1. 3-They were offended-That's not love
  - 2. 6-They were in unbelief-That's not faith
  - 3. 5-He could do no mighty works-That's no anointing and failure
- D. Isaiah 54:14-Fear is the anointing deactivator and the oppression connector
  - 1. You'll be far from oppression **because** you don't fear
    - a. Established in righteousness-That's love and faith
    - b. Acts 10:38-There was only oppression when the anointing wasn't present, but when the anointing showed up those who were oppressed were far from oppression
  - 2. James 3:14-Where there's strife there's no anointing and there will be every evil work
    - a. Where there's strife there's no love, where there's no love there's no faith, where there's no love there's fear, where fear is there's no anointing and where there's no anointing there will be evil works
  - 3. Proverbs 29:25-Fear brings with it oppression
  - 4. Fear is a destructive force because it shuts off the anointing

### III. Why God hate fear so much?

- A. God hates fear and unbelief-Revelation 21:7-8
  - 1. 7-God likes winning
  - 2. We see fear and unbelief together, the way we saw faith and love together
    - a. 8-Fearful-Timid, dread
    - b. 8-Unbelieving-Faithless
  - 3. Fear keeps some bad company
    - a. God feels about fear and unbelief the way he feels about all the rest of that wicked stuff: HE HATES IT

- B. We must not treat fear as a light thing; it's not light thing to God
  - 1. To have fear as a part of your vocabulary is abominable in His eyes-NEVER TALK FEAR
  - 2. I hate fear because God hates it
  - 3. It's dishonorable to treat lightly what God hates
- C. Why is God so against fear?
  - 1. 1) To be in fear you must be out of love (1 John 4:18)
  - 2. 2) Fear reveals faith in the enemy and not in God and without faith it's impossible to please him (Hebrews 11:6)
  - 3. 3) Most importantly, God loves you and he knows that fear shuts off the anointing in your life and God can't work in your life and you won't win (Revelation 21:7-God likes winning)
- D. Satan's whole kingdom runs on his ability to get you into fear (which would be out of love and out of faith) where the anointing cannot work
  - 1. Satan has no answer for the anointing
    - a. 1 John 4:3-4-Satan is the anti-Christ or against the anointing
    - b. Acts 10:38-The oppression stopped when the anointing showed up
  - 2. Satan is fear and in his kingdom the currency is fear
    - a. His kingdom advancing is dependent on the anointing not working and fear is what turns the anointing off
    - b. God is love and in his kingdom the currency is faith working by love
- E. You don't tolerate fear, deal with fear, or learn to cope with fear
  - 1. Perfected love (God himself) throws fear out the doors and does not care where it lands (1 John 4:18)