

THE ROOT OF CHARACTER: THE FEAR OF THE LORD

The Anointing Of Reverence

Foundation Statement: There's an anointing available for us to live a character life-Is 11:1-2

I. There is an anointing of character and reverence available to us (Isaiah 11:2)

- A. The anointing is the supernatural power of God working on and through a man giving that man the ability to do things that he otherwise couldn't do without that anointing
 - 1. It's God's ability on your ability giving you supernatural ability to do what you could not in your natural ability (EX: Mary --- Peter --- David)
 - a. That spirit on him is going to manifest in an anointing of wisdom, of understanding, of counsel, of might, of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord
 - 2. There was a supernatural ability on him to reverence God and walk in character
- B. When we walk in character and do what's right and reverence God there's much more to it than just your will power to do it
 - 1. You need your will to do it, will power alone won't be enough
 - a. Zechariah 4:6 – Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit says the Lord
 - 2. I can do all things through the anointed one and the anointing that was on him giving me strength (Philippians 4:13)
 - a. Christ-Anointed One, Messiah, Greek translation of the Hebrew Word Messiah which means anointed one, refers to pouring or smearing sacred oil on a person in a ceremony of dedication, symbolizing divine empowering 2 accomplish a task
 - 1) Christ is the English term for the Greek (*khristos*) meaning "the anointed." *Khristos* was used to translate the Hebrew (*Mašíaḥ*) (messiah), meaning "[one who is] anointed." *Khristos* in classical Greek usage could mean *covered in oil*, and is thus a literal translation of messiah.
 - 2) Christen > To baptize > To submerge
 - 3) The anointing removes the burden and destroys the yoke
 - b. It's that anointing that's enabling me
- C. There's grace/an anointing of reverence to reverence available (Hebrews 12:28)
 - 1. Grace – The merciful kindness that God uses to exert His holy influence upon people, turning them to Christ, keeping them, strengthening them, increasing them in Christian faith, knowledge, affection, and kindling them to the exercise of the Christian virtues
 - a. Philippians 1:7 (KJ & AMP) – Grace = Spiritual blessing
 - b. 1 Corinthians 15:10 – By grace Paul said I am what I am

2. By this grace we are going to serve God acceptably with reverence and Godly fear
 - a. A part from this grace (anointing) you can't do it and it can't be done

II. **Grace cannot be earned, but it must be received**

- A. Eph 2:8-When people see that grace is not of works immediately they think that it has nothing to do with them and they have no part in whether or not they walk in grace
 1. James 4:7 – God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble
 - a. Humility is not us working to earn grace, but us positioning to receive grace
 2. The grace and anointing to walk in reverence towards God is not going to come to you automatically just because you're saved and then if you do wrong you can just say well God didn't grace me to do right
 3. God is a grace giving God and His hands are out towards us with all the grace that we would ever need to do anything that He's ever called us to do (2 Corinthians 9:8)
 - a. We have to play our part and receive that grace
- B. We don't work to earn grace; there's nothing we can do to earn it
 1. We position ourselves to receive it
 2. Faith is not works it's receive

III. **We receive grace through the channel of faith; Faith is the channel through which the grace of God can flow and be transmitted into your life; without faith you don't have the channel necessary through which grace flows**

- A. Faith is the channel through which grace flowed and saved you (Ephesians 2:8)
 1. Without the channel of faith grace has no access into your life
 2. God can & does have all the grace in the world, but until u provide him w/ the faith channel necessary through which that grace can flow he has no way to give it to u
 3. Rom 4:16 – Without the faith the promise can't be given as an act of grace
 4. Romans 5:2 – We have access by faith into this grace
- B. Hebrews 4:14 – Faith to receive the anointing of reverence
 1. Jesus is the High Priest – Minister or Administer or grace
 2. Profession (Homologia)
 - a. Subjectively: whom we profess to be ours
 - b. To say the same thing as another, i.e. to agree with, assent
 - c. To concede, not to refuse, not to deny, to declare openly, speak out
 3. Infirmities – Lack of strength or weaknesses
 4. Let us therefore – What for?
 - a. Because we have a great high priest

- b. Who is seated at the right hand of God
 - c. He's the administer of grace
 - d. Who is touched with the feelings of your weaknesses
 - e. He was tempted like we were
 - f. And he never missed it
 - g. That's the perfect person to go to in the time of temptation (Heb 2:18)
5. Touched with the feelings of your weaknesses – To be affected with the same feeling as another, to sympathize with, to feel for, have compassion on
 - a. Your weakness touch him, but they don't move him as the minister of grace
 - b. You don't need to touch Jesus w/ your problem u need to move him w/ ur faith
 - 1) Mark 5 – She didn't touch Jesus with her problem, she moved the anointing that was in him out of him with her faith
 6. Come boldly – That's confidently and trusting in him – That's reverent (Psalm 115:11)
 - a. Holding fast to your profession, confession of faith (Hebrews 10:23)
 7. The throne and the very source of grace
 - a. So that we can obtain the mercy and find the grace to help

IV. Supernatural reverence and character is an empowerment to do what's right and reverent towards God in greatly pressured situations

A. Supernatural Reverence

1. Jesus
 - a. Luke 23:34 – They were taunting him and treating him like the scum of the Earth and he responded with supernatural character
 - b. John 8:29, Hebrews 4:15 – He never missed he accessed the anointing of supernatural character
2. Joseph-No matter what happened and where went he did what was right (Ge 39:2)
3. Abraham-There was supernatural reverence in his life in believing for Isaac and sacrificing Isaac
4. Noah – There was a supernatural reverence in his life to build that ark for 100 years
5. The 3 Hebrews – There was a supernatural reverence in their life to not bow in life and death
6. Daniel – There as a supernatural reverence in his life

B. The anointing that was on Jesus to live like this is available to us (Phil 4:13, Acts 1:8, Jn 14:12, 16:7)

1. He accessed that anointing/grace by humility & faith; it's not something that you don't have access to

C. There's a character anointing available where you'll swear to your own hurt and change not (Psalm 15:4)

1. 2 Timothy 2:1-3 – There's a grace available to endure the hardness as a good soldier

D. You access by making a decision of quality and then taking a step of faith towards what you know in your heart is right