



The Anointing is Tangible
Anointing of the Holy Spirit Series Part-3
March 16, 2025 - Sermon Outline

Quick Review:

In Part-1 we introduced the sermon series on the Anointing of the Holy Spirit. We gave a brief definition of the Anointing. We explained the distinction between the anointing within and the anointing upon. We also prayed for people to receive the anointing upon, the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

In Part-2 we talked about how the anointing empowers each of us to do whatever God has assigned to do. This sermon was titled: Supernaturally Empowered. We learnt that there is an anointing for every God-given assignment. Whatever God has assigned you to do in life, be a wife, husband, mother, father, software professional, research scientist, businessperson, teacher, lawyer, physician, a preacher of God's Word, etc. there is an anointing for that assignment. The Holy Spirit empowers us supernaturally to carry out what God has given us to do.

Today:

We want to share how to recognize the anointing. Our sermon title: **The Anointing is Tangible**

We will show from Scripture that the anointing is tangible, perceptible or recognizable to our spiritual senses. We will then discuss different ways we can recognize the anointing, and some other aspect about the purpose, levels and flow of the anointing.

THE ANOINTING IS TANGIBLE

The anointing is perceptible or recognizable to our spiritual senses and we can become aware of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

In Scripture we see different terms or phrases use to describe what people experienced or felt when the anointing came upon them. Let's consider a few:

The hand of the Lord

2 Kings 3:15

But now bring me a musician." Then it happened, when the musician played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him.



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The prophet Elisha requested for a musician to play on his instrument, and as the musician did, he recognized the hand of the Lord, the anointing come upon him, and he then prophesied. Imagine a hand coming upon you, being placed on you. This is something you can recognize.

1 Kings 18:46

Then **the hand of the LORD came upon** Elijah; and he girded up his loins and ran ahead of Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

Ezekiel 3:14

So the Spirit **lifted me up** and **took me away**, and I went in **bitterness**, in the **heat** of **my spirit**; but **the hand of the LORD was strong upon me**.

The prophet Ezekiel shares numerous instances of the Spirit of God coming upon him, and his experiences under the anointing. Here the prophet Ezekiel shares about being lifted and carried away in the spirit. His spirit is stirred up (bitterness = angry, discontented, heat = angry, displeasure) and the hand of the Lord was strong (hard, mighty) upon him.

Ezekiel 8:1

And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I sat in my house with the elders of Judah sitting before me, that **the hand of the Lord GOD fell upon me there**.

Ezekiel uses many different terms about the anointing coming upon him:

came upon me

was upon me

was strong upon me

fell upon me

had been upon me

(Ezekiel 1:3; 3:14,22; 8:1; 33:22; 37:1; 40:1)

The flow of power

Mark 5:30

And Jesus, immediately **knowing in Himself** that **power had gone out of Him**, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?"



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The Lord felt or recognized the flow of power through Him. We too can at times recognize the flow of the presence of the Holy Spirit. It may be a flow of power to heal, a flow of compassion, a flow of grace to encourage and strengthen, a flow of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit through us to those around us.

Luke 6:19

And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all.

The people recognized the flow of power and so came to touch Jesus. They saw the results of the flow of the healing anointing.

The presence of power

Luke 5:17

Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

The Lord Jesus was in Capernaum, a fishing town on shores of the Sea of Galilee, the hometown of Peter and Andrew. This probably was Peter's home (Mark 1:29). That day, as Jesus was teaching in Peter's home, the power of the Lord was present there. The healing anointing was present.

Unusual manifestations

Jesus' garment (Matthew 9:21, Matthew 14:36, Mark 6:56)

Peter's shadow (Acts 5:12-16)

Cloths and Handkerchiefs (Acts 19:11-12)

The anointing of the Holy Spirit can manifest in unusual ways. We see some examples of Peter's shadow as a tangible expression of the anointing. We see the anointing being transferred into cloths and handkerchiefs, just as it flowed through the hem of Jesus' garment.

RECOGNIZING THE ANOINTING

It is important for us to learn how to recognize the anointing coming upon us so that we can yield to and partner with the Holy Spirit in what He wants done that time.



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Wherever you are, perhaps at home, perhaps at the workplace, etc., when you sense (recognize) the anointing coming on you, learn to respond, learn to yield to the anointing and flow with the anointing.

Recognizing the anointing is the same as recognizing His Presence.

Here are a few ways we can recognize the anointing. There may be **an overlap** and often we **experience a combination of these**, as the anointing becomes tangible and recognizable to us.

- ✓ **Still small voice** (1 Kings 19:12-13) – there was a strong wind, an earthquake, and fire, but God was not in these. And then a still small voice and Elijah recognized God’s presence in that still small voice. Sometimes, the anointing becomes tangible to us, when we “hear” in our spirit the still small voice, a word from the Holy Spirit prompting us, directing us, etc.
- ✓ **Knowing within** (Mark 5:30) – when there as the flow of power the Scripture states that Jesus knew within Himself that power went out of Him. There comes a knowing in our spirits of the moving of the Holy Spirit and we yield to this. We act in accordance with this.
- ✓ **Stirring within** (Acts 18:5; Acts 20:22-23) – we feel motivated, stirred, sometimes even agitated in a good sense in our spirits.
- ✓ **Burning in your heart** (Ezekiel 3:14; Luke 24:32) – we feel a burning, a firing up of passion or zeal, an intense urge to speak, say or do something.
- ✓ **Word of the Lord coming to you** (1 Samuel 3:21) – The phrase “the word of the Lord came” is found many times in the Bible. Words suddenly seem to well up from within your spirit bringing understanding, knowledge, information, etc. Maybe you are working on a problem, working on a design, and suddenly the word of the Lord, like a message from heaven, fills your heart and mind. (*personal example*).
- ✓ **Word gushing forth** (2 Samuel 23:2; Psalm 45:1) – sometimes there is a forceful bubbling up or gushing forth of the message, revelation, insight, ideas, information, from your spirit.
- ✓ **Word like fire** (Jeremiah 5:14; Jeremiah 20:9) – as Jeremiah expressed it, he felt “fire in his bones”. The word of God, the message was burning inside him.



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- ✓ **Mantle/cloaked/clothed** (1 Kings 19:19; 2 Kings 2:8,13,14; Luke 24:49) – sometimes you feel like a spiritual cloak has come upon you.
- ✓ **Baptized/enveloped/overwhelmed** (Luke 1:35; Matthew 3:11; Acts 1:5) – sometimes you feel completely surrounded, overwhelmed, enveloped in His presence.
- ✓ **Hand of the Lord** (2 Kings 3:15; Ezekiel 8:1) – just like a hand being place on your shoulders, you feel the presence of the Lord coming on you.
- ✓ **Thick, heavy, weighty presence** (2 Chronicles 5:13-14) – you recognize a thickness, a heavy, weighty presence in the atmosphere in the room. The Hebrew word for “glory” is “kabod” literally meaning “weight, splendor, copiousness”. The atmosphere seems to be filled with the “kabod”, heavy weighty presence of God. *(personal example)*.
- ✓ **Leaping in your spirit** (similar to a baby leaping in the womb Luke 1:41,44) – it is almost like your spirit leaps for joy, jumps with joy, you feel a lightness, a happiness in your spirit and the Holy Spirit comes upon you.
- ✓ **Being changed into another man** under the anointing, e.g. sudden boldness (1 Samuel 10:6; Acts 2:14; Acts 4:31) – there is a sudden change in your usual, normal demeanor (behavior, mannerism) and you are suddenly taken over by the Spirit of God emboldening you, energizing you, etc.
- ✓ **Trembling/shaking** (Daniel 10:10,11) – physically you feel like shaking, quaking, trembling.
- ✓ **Overwhelming emotion** (Zechariah 12:10; Romans 8:26-27) – a sudden overwhelming emotion, grieving, mourning, often in a good way. *(personal example, 1990)*.
- ✓ **Weakness** (Daniel 10:8,16,17; Revelation 1:17) – sometimes you suddenly feel completely drained of all physical strength and are rendered weak and powerless.
- ✓ **Fire** (bringing warmth, rekindling, cleansing, conviction) (Acts 2:3) – a sense of rekindling, reviving, cleansing or conviction.
- ✓ **Light** (Habakkuk 3:3-4) – God’s light shining through brining revelation and insight, clarity on the way forward/direction or exposing what was hidden/covered, etc.



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- ✓ **Rain** (Acts 2:17; Acts 3:19) – a sense of refreshing, reviving, renewing, fruitfulness, etc.
- ✓ **Wind** (Acts 2:2; John 3:8) – a sense of a strong move of God towards something.
- ✓ **Sound** (Acts 2:2) – hearing the move of God, the stirring in the spiritual realm, etc.
- ✓ **River** (John 7:37-39) – a sense of the flow of the presence and power of God bringing life, peace, healing, joy, restoration, etc.
- ✓ **Oil** (1 Samuel 16:13) – a sense of oil being poured over your or another person (or people), anointing them and appointing them to a calling and assignment.
- ✓ **Dove alighting on you** (Matthew 3:16) – a sudden sense of God's presence and power coming gently on you, almost like a dove alighting on you.
- ✓ **Aroma/Fragrance** (Exodus 30:22-38) – a sense of sweet, pleasant smell (the anointing oil was made like a perfume in the Old Testament) indicating God's moving in healing, or some other work He intends doing.
- ✓ **Transported in the spirit** (Ezekiel 3:14) – you feel carried in the spirit sometimes into the future, sometimes into someone's past, sometimes into situations, locations, etc. and you can know and see what is happening (going to happen or has happened).
- ✓ **Other ways** – in addition to these 26 ways, there are many other ways that the anointing can become tangible to us. Sometimes God may use specific ways in certain individuals to help them recognize the anointing coming on them.

The goal is for us to recognize the anointing, and then yield ourselves to the Holy Spirit, partnering with Him to do what He wants done.

THE ANOINTING FLOWS FOR A PURPOSE

We must remember that the anointing flows for a purpose. The anointing is not to make us feel good, excited, and just have a nice time. There is a purpose in the anointing coming upon us. As we learned in Part-2, the anointing comes upon us to supernaturally empower us to fulfill a task or carry out a purpose. We must recognize that purpose and partner with the Holy Spirit in getting it done.



Anointing can come to solve problems.

Anointing to impart wisdom and skill to design and build something.

Anointing for design creative and artistic works – find solutions, innovation, design, etc.

Anointing can come upon us to heal, encourage, strengthen, comfort someone else.

THERE ARE DIFFERENT KINDS OF ANOINTINGS

Extending the earlier thought, we understand that there are different kinds of anointings –the anointing empowering us to do different kinds of things/assignments.

We usually refer to the kind of anointing by referencing what the anointing empowers the individual to do.

Examples:

Prophetic anointing enables one to prophesy or to minister prophetically.

Healing anointing

Leadership anointing

Anointing of wisdom

A psalmist anointing

Anointed for business

...many other kinds...

We also see that one person can flow in many different kinds of anointings.

Examples:

Saul was anointed to be king by Samuel (1 Samuel 10:1). But when he met a group of prophets he also began to prophesy (1 Samuel 10:5-6,10-11). He stepped into that anointing at that time, and people wondered if he too was a prophet.

Paul in the New Testament was an apostle, prophet, teacher and evangelist (Ephesians 3:1-5; 1 Timothy 2:7; 2 Timothy 1:11).

People could carry and operate in multiple kinds of anointings on their lives.

VARYING LEVELS OF THE ANOINTING

Another interesting insight we see in Scripture is that there can be varying levels of the anointing.

Moses and the Seventy Elders (Numbers 11:16,17,25)



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We see that the Lord took of the anointing that was on Moses and placed it on each of the 70 leaders. But all 70 of them did not become a Moses. They received a portion of Moses' anointing that enabled them to take care of the people and help Moses in leading the people.

Moses and Joshua (Numbers 27:15-23; Deuteronomy 34:9-12)

We know that Moses had laid his hands on Joshua. But Joshua did not become another Moses. Joshua did not do all the signs and miracles that Moses did. The Scripture states that Joshua was full of the spirit of wisdom because Moses laid his hands on him. So Joshua received a measure of Moses' anointing that enabled him to walk in wisdom as a leader of God's people.

Elijah and Elisha (2 Kings 2:9)

Elisha received a double portion of the anointing on Elijah as evidenced in Scripture recording twice as many miracles done through Elisha.

Elijah and John the Baptist (Luke 1:17)

John the Baptist came in the spirit and power of Elijah. But John the Baptist did no miracles. John the Baptist came in that aspect of Elijah's anointing to turn the hearts of the people to the Lord, as Elijah did.

Jesus (John 3:34)

The Lord Jesus has the Spirit without measure.

We have focused on in this sermon that **the anointing is tangible.**

What we also see in Scripture is that **the anointing is transferable.** The Holy Spirit resting on one individual can be passed on to others, as we saw in the case of Saul and the prophets (1 Samuel 10:5-6,9-10), and in these examples above. We will not delve into the details of the transfer or impartation of the anointing in this sermon.

In closing, let us consider:

WHAT ACTIVATES, INCREASES THE LEVEL AND FLOW OF THE ANOINTING?

When we are baptized in the Holy Spirit, we are also anointed by the Spirit. To be anointed is to have the Spirit upon us empowering us to do what God wants done through us (Luke 4:17-19; Acts 10:38). We are anointed all the time (2 Corinthians 1:21) positionally in Christ. Yet, since we are not doing the works all the time, the anointing is not "active" all the time. Whenever the Holy Spirit moves upon us releasing His power



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to do the work that He wants us to do at that time (there is an anointing for everything God wants you to do), we say we are anointed (the anointing is “active”). The anointing is the power of the Spirit being manifested through a believer. **There are times when the Holy Spirit initiates this. He moves on us and then, we start doing the work. There are times when we start the work, and the anointing begins to flow or operate.** The gifts of the Holy Spirit are channels (or tools) through which the anointing (the power) of the Holy Spirit is manifested to minister to people. **There are varying levels of anointing. There are times when we can be “more anointed” than at other times. The degree of power that is manifested is in proportion to the anointing that is present and active at that moment.** We are to be filled with the Holy Spirit continuously. Also, we are to move under the anointing every time we minister (do the work God has called us to do). We are baptized in the Holy Spirit once, but filled and anointed over and over, countless times again and again. (Taken from APC Book: Gifts of the Holy Spirit).

We recognize that the following helps activate, and increase the level and flow of the anointing:

Praise and worship – we note how as the musician played the anointing came on Elijah (2 Kings 3:15).

Greater Prayer and intimacy with God – we note how as the Lord Jesus went into the wilderness for 40 days, he came back in the power of the Spirit (Luke 4:14). The Lord Jesus, the One who was anointed with the Spirit without measure maintained a life of prayer and intimacy with the Father.

Greater faith, greater anointing – we note that even Jesus recognized the faith people had, and in places where there was unbelief, He could do no mighty works (Matthew 13:58; Mark 6:5-6).

Greater expectation, greater anointing – the woman with the issue of blood had an expectation that when she touched the hem of Jesus’ garment, she would be well. This expectation coupled with her faith in action, received the flow of power.

Greater grace, more anointing – the Early church experienced great power and great grace (Acts 4:33). Where there is great grace, there will be great anointing manifested. Grace is released when we walk in unity (Acts 4:32), reverence (fear of the Lord) and in humility (James 4:6).



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NEXT SUNDAY: FLOWING WITH THE ANOINTING

Learning to yield, flow and partner together with the anointing

SUMMARY

Let us learn to recognize and yield to the anointing. Let us stir up, activate, and pursue greater levels of the anointing through our lives and as a church community.

GOSPEL AND SALVATION CALL

SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME

Minister as the Spirit leads



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There is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 1.5 to 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

Life Group Leader: To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon or review the Sunday Sermon notes. **Please do not make your life group read through the complete sermon notes during the life group.** All you need to do is have individuals read the Scriptures listed below and then open for a time of discussion, sharing and learning using the questions given below. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture references: *2 Kings 3:15; Mark 5:30; Luke 5:17*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Life Group is a discussion-based, participatory meeting with everyone given the opportunity to share their learning. Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

#1, We stated that the anointing (the presence and power of the Holy Spirit) is tangible. The anointing is perceptible or recognizable to our spiritual senses and we can become



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aware of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. We list about 26 ways we can perceive the anointing. Discuss one or more of these which you have experienced.

#2, We stated that the anointing flows for a purpose. In your own experience, as you reflect on times you have recognized the anointing upon you, what purpose(s) did this serve? Did you see an outcome that was beyond your own abilities or beyond the ordinary?

#3, We shared several actions we can take to see increased levels of the anointing:

Praise and worship

Greater Prayer and intimacy with God

Greater faith, greater anointing

Greater expectation, greater anointing

Greater grace, more anointing

Have you experienced and recognized times when the anointing flowing through you was stronger/greater than at other times? Did you do one or more of these listed above?

Each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key insights and how they see themselves applying it to their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow, bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

1, families to be protected and strengthened

2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.

3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for all details to go well as we plan and build our Bible college and church facilities to serve the Lord and people.

Close by thanking God together.



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USEFUL RESOURCES

Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

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SERMON OUTLINE

The “anointing” refers to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit upon a person empowering that person to do what God has assigned them to do. In part - 3 of this sermon series, we learn that the anointing is tangible, perceptible and recognizable to our spiritual senses. We itemize about 26 ways in which we could recognize the anointing. We must learn to recognize the anointing so that we can respond correctly, and partner with the Holy Spirit to carry out what He desires. We also learn that the anointing flows for a purpose. We learn that there are different kinds of anointings, and we can flow in multiple kinds of anointings. We learn what activates, and increases the level and flow of the anointing, including: Praise and worship; Greater Prayer and intimacy with God; Greater faith, greater anointing; Greater expectation, greater anointing; and Greater grace, more anointing.

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