

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

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"Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on his head, and kissed him and said: 'Is it not because the Lord has anointed you commander over His inheritance?'" (1 Samuel 10:1)

Anointing with oil has been in practice since the earliest of Biblical times. The word "**Mashach**" means to smear, anoint, and was usually done in relation to a special service of some kind. It was enacted by pouring or smearing precious oil, usually pure olive oil upon the head and as the Psalmist said, it would "run down the beard of Aaron" the high priest. This is the base word for the word "Messiah" as transliterated into English. **Priests were anointed**, the books of Exodus and Leviticus record the anointing of Aaron and his sons, as a setting apart for a special divine task. It was outwardly a symbolic act to show a deeper act that was going on in the heart, as a chosen vessel to be used by God. **Prophets were anointed** to speak the Words of God and that was not to be taken upon oneself, but rather to be evidenced by the working of the Spirit of God in the life of the individual being set apart. **Kings were anointed** and this was a spiritual thing.

It is the reason King David would not lift his hand against Saul even though Saul was in the wrong. David looked upon being King as a spiritual, not merely a political or military ruler.

Places and objects were anointed and set apart as holy and special to God. Set apart for a reason, so it could be different than other objects. So, Samuel anointed Saul as the first King of Israel and as one "set apart" to be used by God to guide his "inheritance." The people are called God's inheritance in Scripture. They are called His portion. The land of the Bible belongs to God and is sacred. God gave the land as a gift to His people, not because they deserved it, but because He was fulfilling a promise made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. If they did not manage it well or by disobedience proved themselves incapable and unfit, then God would take them out of the land until they were ready once again to appreciate it.

Prayer and Action Steps

God anointed those for special service in the Old Testament and in the New. Anointing is a symbol of the Holy Spirit

Date _____ Scripture _____

- Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.
- Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.
- Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act?

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions?

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible?

