

Treasures of the Sanctuary—Lesson 7—“The Oil of God’s Sanctuary”

OPENING DISCUSSION QUESTIONS/TALK:

1. What is one thing you really enjoyed about your family when growing up?
2. What does the family of God mean to you? Can we all feel closely connected to God and to each other through Jesus Christ?

READING AND STUDY QUESTIONS:

1. What was oil used for in the Sanctuary?
 - a. (Exodus 25:6)_____ (Exod. 27:20)_____
 - b. (Exod. 29:7,21)_____ (Exod. 29:2,40)_____
2. How many times was oil sprinkled before the Lord in His Sanctuary service? (Lev. 14:27)
3. How does Revelation picture the burning lamps with the Spirit of God? (Revelation 4:5)
4. Did Moses anoint Aaron with oil when he became priest? (Lev. 8:10; 10:7)
5. When David was anointed with oil as God’s chosen king, did he receive the Holy Spirit? (1 Samuel 16:13)
6. Was Jesus anointed in a special way? (Hebrews 1:9) Was he anointed with the Holy Spirit? (Acts 10:38)
7. Many people are confused about the Holy Spirit. **Who or what is the Holy Spirit? Is it just some impersonal force, or is he God?** _____ **(John 16:13)** *Note: Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as a “he”. He is able to teach us. The Bible also says that he can be “grieved”, which is an emotion that only an intelligent being can experience (Ephesians 4:30).*
8. **Has the Holy Spirit always existed, and was he known about even in Old Testament times?** **(Genesis 1:2)** *God also says in Genesis 6:3, “My Spirit will not always strive with man...” David prayed to God, “Take not your Holy Spirit from me” (Psalm 51:11).*
9. **How do you get the Holy Spirit to work in your life?** **(1)** *God’s Spirit is already working to draw people back to him (see Gen. 6:3),* **(2)** *We should obey the Spirit by accepting Jesus Christ as our*

savior (**John 16:14**), **(3)** we can also **ask** God for more of his Spirit in our lives (**Luke 11:9-13**); Pray for the Holy Spirit (the disciples were doing this when they received a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost—Acts 2:1-4), **(4)** The Holy Spirit is given to us in greater measure as we choose to listen to and **obey** his voice (**Acts 5:32**). **(5)** Also, when a person follows the leading of God’s Spirit and is baptized, they will have more of the Spirit of God in their lives (ex. Jesus’ baptism—**Matthew 3:16**)

10. **What does the Holy Spirit do for us? Does every born again Christian have to have the Holy Spirit? Is the spirit God’s presence abiding in us?** “The Holy Spirit will convict the world of _____, of righteousness, and of _____” (**John 16:8**). The Holy Spirit is also our teacher, and our guide in all spiritual matters (**John 14:26**)—“He shall teach you _____ things.” The Holy Spirit will never teach you to believe or practice anything that is contrary to the clear word of God (**Matthew 4:4; John 16:13; John 17:17**). The Holy Spirit inspired the word of God, and He will not contradict what he already said once in God’s word (2 Peter 1:21). **The Holy Spirit is God’s power in our lives to help us to overcome sin (John 3:5; Romans 8:9-16).**

11. **How do you know if you have the Holy Spirit working in your life? (John 3:7, 8)** We can see the _____ of God’s Spirit working in our lives. He starts changing us in noticeable ways (just like you cannot see the wind, but you can see the effect of it blowing upon the trees). The Holy Spirit will produce the **fruit** of God’s character within us: “Love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and self control” (**Galatians 5:22, 23**). The fruit of the Spirit indicates whether or not God’s Spirit is at work in our lives. And keep in mind that just as real fruit does not grow on trees overnight, it takes continual time spent with God for these graces to grow, mature, and ripen in our lives.

12. **What will be one big difference between those who are saved and lost when Jesus returns? (Matthew 25:3,4, 5-7, 8-10)**

HEART QUESTION(S):

1. Do you want to have the blessed oil of God’s Spirit in your life by faithfully following Jesus?

NOTES:

1. Q and A: Jesus says there is one sin that cannot ever be forgiven. It is the sin against the Holy Spirit (**Matthew 12:31,32**). It is not actually just one sin. It is a repeated and continued ignoring of God’s Holy Spirit, until we no longer can hear his voice. If that happened, we would not be able to repent of our sins. **The Holy Spirit is working to convict us of “sin, of righteousness, and of Judgment” (John 16:8). He does this by speaking to our conscience (John 8:9; Romans 9:1). When we continually delay our obedience to God or choose not to listen to God’s Holy Spirit then we are in danger of losing our sensitive conscience. We might actually be turning off the voice of God’s spirit—it will be as though it were “seared by a hot iron”(1 Timothy 4:2). If you are worried that you have committed this sin, then it is a sign that you have not yet committed it. You’re conscience is still being convicted to do what is right. When should we act and obey God’s Spirit? “Behold, _____ is the accepted time; behold, _____ is the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:2). We should never delay our obedience to God. You do not want to “grieve” away the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:30).**