Life-Study of Exodus Summary - Messages 157-161

The Holy Anointing Oil

The anointing oil in Exodus 30 signifies one of the deeper truths in the Bible. This ointment signifies God, who is triune, after a long process becoming the all-inclusive compound Spirit to reach His chosen and redeemed people to be one with them. It is God's eternal intention that He would reach us as the all-inclusive compound Spirit, as the Spirit who includes divinity, humanity, incarnation, human living, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. All this is blended to form the compound ointment, and this ointment is for the anointing of God's chosen and redeemed people. The function of the holy anointing oil as a compound ointment is to sanctify the things of God and men of God, separating them from anything common and making them most holy for God's service.

This all-inclusive Spirit is greater than everything else. **Nothing can surpass the Triune God undergoing a long process to become the life-giving Spirit**. Now not only do we enjoy this Spirit – we become one with Him!

Its materials

The materials of the holy anointing oil are of two categories and are five in number. The first category includes the four spices: myrrh, cinnamon, calamus, and cassia. The second category consists of one item – olive oil.

Flowing myrrh, smelling sweet but tasting bitter signifies the precious death of Christ. Fragrant cinnamon signifies the sweetness and effectiveness of Christ's death. The calamus in Exodus 30 is a reed and signifies the rising up of the Lord Jesus from the place of death. The fourth spice, cassia, signifies the power of Christ's resurrection. The olive oil signifies the Spirit of God, through the pressure of Christ's death, flowing out. It was after Christ's resurrection that the compounding, or the blending of such a Spirit was completed.

The Compound Ointment

The holy anointing oil is a compound ointment. The compound ointment is solely for the purpose of anointing God's dwelling place and His priesthood.

Do we have only the <u>enjoyment</u> that comes <u>before</u> the revelation of the tabernacle and the priesthood, or after? This question is extremely important. If in our enjoyment of Christ we are before the tabernacle and the priesthood, then we cannot have any share in the compound <u>ointment</u>. This ointment can be enjoyed only after God's dwelling place and the body of serving ones have come into existence. It is not for God's chosen people to enjoy apart from God's dwelling and His priesthood.

We need to seek to touch the depths of the divine revelation concerning the compound ointment in Exodus 30. By the Lord's mercy, may we begin to understand little by little the divine revelation regarding the compound Spirit (Life-Study of Exodus – Messages 147-151).