

Reject the Anointing

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Have you ever listened to a great performer in the world and felt there was an anointing on them? Have you ever hoped that these anointed performers would get saved and lead our children to the Lord instead of idol worship? The truth is, our children are not being led astray by rock singers or those in the performing arts, but by the anointing on them.

There are two questions I have pondered for sometime. The first is, "Why are most of the anointed and talented performers not in the church?". The second question is, "Why does it seem like the gifted ones have not only forsaken the church but joined the forces of evil?"

I believe part of the answer is that church leaders will sometimes reject anointed performers when their gifts threaten the flock. Another reason is they don't meet church standards. They seem rebellious, arrogant, etc, etc. I could list reasons all day long, but I want to offer a caution instead.

Joseph, son of Isaac, seemed arrogant when he dreamed his ten older brothers would bow before him someday. David seemed full of pride to his older brothers when he boldly walked out on the battlefield to face the Philistine giant.

Israel Demands A King

God instructed Samuel to anoint Saul leader over Israel.(1 Sam.9:16) Though Saul was thought of as a humble man and dedicated to the Lord, he disobeyed God's commands. The Lord quickly instructs Samuel to find one of the sons of Jesse and anoint him prince over Israel. The scripture says, "*The Spirit of the Lord was removed from Saul and came upon David mightily.*" (1 Sam.16:12-14). David continued as a shepherd even with the understanding he was anointed to be king.

David Honors The Anointing

How long would you wait to take your place as king, knowing it was God's will for your life? I would be hard pressed to wait, especially seeing the incumbent starting to look like he is demon-possessed (See 1 Sam. 18:10). David was honoring the anointing of God that was still on Saul's life. Remember that the Holy Spirit left Saul and went over to David, but the anointing remained. That means there were two men anointed for the same job.

We are in a time when discerning where the Holy Spirit is will be more important to see than how many are anointed for the task (Matt.22:14).

Still David honored the anointing on Saul and would not take his rightful place until Saul was willing to give it up or die.

Saul Rejects The Anointing On David

Though David showed respect for the anointing on Saul, Saul did not reciprocate. Saul's rejection of the anointing on David really means he was rejecting God's preference for leadership. Nevertheless, Saul becomes jealous of David and begins to hate him. After a series of encounters David, still trying to honor what God has previously anointed, flees for his life to the Philistines.

"Then David said to himself, 'Now I will perish one day by the hand of Saul. There is nothing better for me than to escape into the land of the Philistines. Saul then will despair of searching for me anymore in all the territory of Israel, and I will escape from his hand.'" 1 Sam 27:1 (NAS)

Now David, anointed and empowered by the Holy Spirit, has not only left the people he was chosen by God to lead, but has joined their enemies. The new anointing has been so rejected by the old order that the new has gone over to the enemies camp for protection. David spent a long time fighting for the enemy of Israel. He and his men helped strengthen the Philistine cause and that enhanced army defeated Israel and killed Saul. David would have been in that battle if not for a Philistine captain advising his king against it.

This is what is happening today. Those anointed performers in the world are taking down their ten-thousands, while the church only takes its thousands. These people are like modern-day Davids, spiritual warriors fighting on the wrong side. When they join forces with our enemies they help build and strengthen the hold the world has on some of us and our children. This can be stopped.

Performing artists won't break the hold the world has on our lives and our children's lives, but the anointing they carry can. Remember, at one point in David and Saul's story, they warred together (1 Sam. 18:6) and they conquered all opposition.

Call Them Out

"I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth; Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him." Isa 43:6-7 (KJV)

When God speaks through the prophet Isaiah here He uses the Hebrew word "ben" for "sons and daughters". It means, the builder of the family name, and anointed one. God is calling the anointed ones to come. Those created for His glory and for the purposes of God.

I believe we can call to the North, South, East and West, and command the world to give up all those God has called. There is a great harvest coming and these anointed ones will be a part of the laborers the Lord told us to pray for (Matt.9:37-38).