





A. In the OT, in **Deuteronomy 28**:

Open Heavens	Obedience to the Word of God	Blessings and Life
Closed Heavens	Disobedience / Rebellious	Curses and Death



B. In the NT, when a person is reconciled with God (born again - **Romans 10:9-10**), the heavens over his life is **opened**.

Galatians 3:13-14
13Christ has **redeemed us from the curse of the law**, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), **14**that the **blessing of Abraham** might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.




C. In order to experience the blessings and favor of open heavens, we must then:

- i. Have **knowledge** and **understanding** with regard to the glorious riches of the **Grace of God** made **available** to the believer.


Romans 5:2
 through whom also we have **access by faith into this grace** in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Ephesians 1:3



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This comes from knowing **GOD** through His **Promises** in His **Word**



2 Peter 1:2-4
2Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the **knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord**, **3**as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the **knowledge of Him** who called us by glory and virtue, **4**by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious **promises**, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.


Pray the Word - Promise - Rhema

Jeremiah 1:12	Isaiah 55:11
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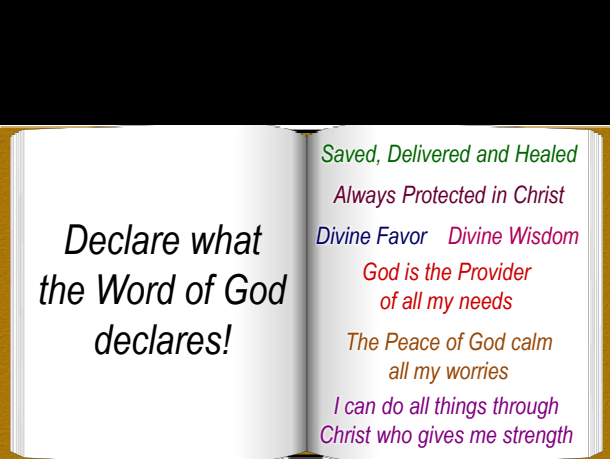
Romans 10:9-10
9that if you **confess** with your mouth the Lord Jesus and **believe** in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. **10**For **with the heart one believes** unto righteousness, and **with the mouth confession is made** unto salvation.



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2 Corinthians 4:13
 And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I **believed** and therefore I **spoke**," we also **believe** and therefore **speak** ...

Declare what the Word of God declares!



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Saved, Delivered and Healed
Always Protected in Christ
Divine Favor Divine Wisdom
God is the Provider
of all my needs
The Peace of God calm
all my worries
I can do all things through
Christ who gives me strength



c. In order to experience the blessings and favor of open heavens, we must then:


iii. Guard against a **bitter** root that will **block** the Grace of God.

Hebrews 12:15
 looking carefully lest anyone **fall short of the grace of God**; lest any root of **bitterness** springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled ...



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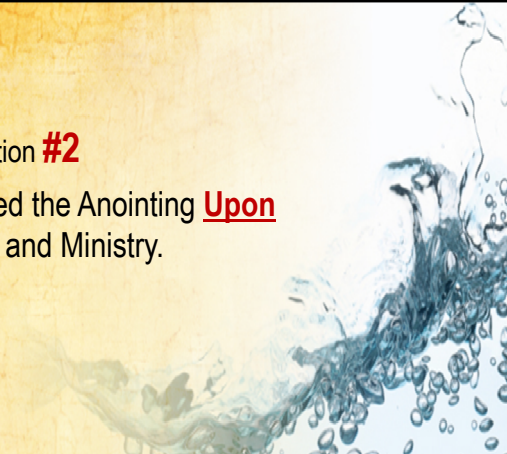
Ephesians 4:26-27
26"Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, **27nor give place to the devil**.




iv. Build an **altar** to the Lord where you live and work.

- Kingdom Values wherever you are living and working for change and transformation.

Ephesians 2:10




Application **#2**
We need the Anointing **Upon**
for Life and Ministry.



A. The anointing upon is also known as being **filled** with the Holy Spirit.


Ephesians 5:18
And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but **be filled with the Spirit** ...

Acts 1:5 - **Baptism** with the Holy Spirit
Acts 1:8 - Holy Spirit comes **upon** you
Acts 2:4 - **Filled** with the Holy Spirit




B. To be filled with the Holy Spirit means to **intentionally** invite the Holy Spirit into all areas of our lives.

Zechariah 4:6
... 'Not by might nor by power, **but by My Spirit**,' says the LORD of hosts.




C. To be filled with the Holy Spirit means **total dependency** on God in everything that we do.

Philippians 3:3
For we are the circumcision, who **worship God in the Spirit**, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and **have no confidence in the flesh** ...



D. The anointing upon i.e. to be filled with the Holy Spirit is to receive the **enabling** and **empowering** of the Holy Spirit on the life of the believer to:

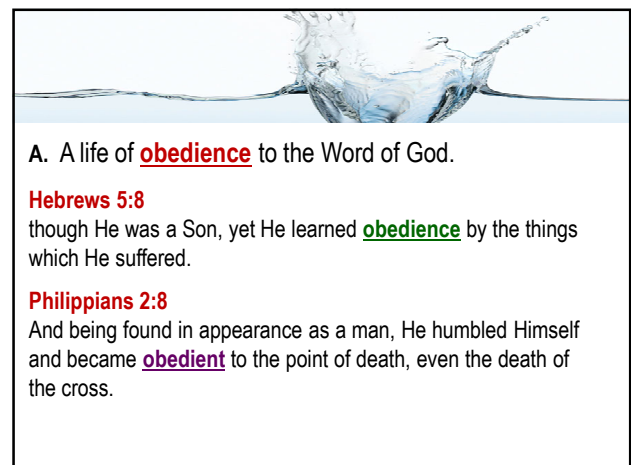
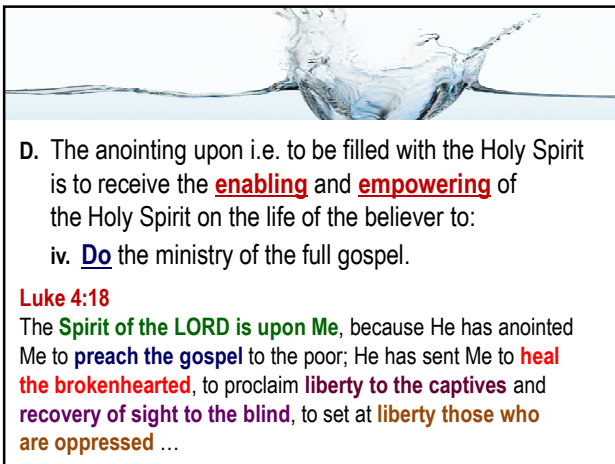
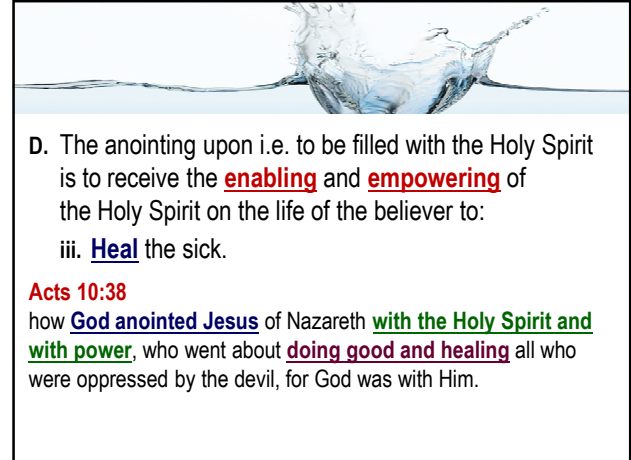
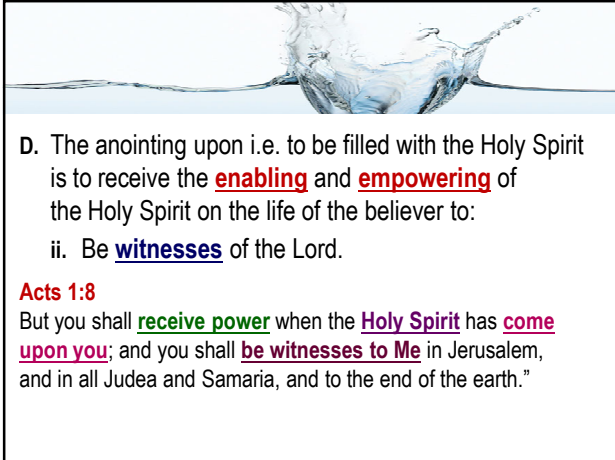
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Romans 8:1-2
1There is therefore now **no condemnation** to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. **2**For the **law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus** has made me **free from the law of sin and death**.

e.g. : Anger ... Lust ... Unforgiveness ... etc






B. Be an intentional true worshipper.


John 4:23-24
23But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. **24**God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Anointed Worship



C. Be diligent to know the Word of God.


2 Timothy 2:15
Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.



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Anointed Word



D. Desire to know His Will.

Colossians 1:9-10
9For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; **10**that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

Anointed Altar - Hearts



E. Live by faith, not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:7
 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

Hebrews 11:6
 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.



Summary
 Will you commit to live your life:

1. continually under Open Heavens?
2. in total dependency on the Holy Spirit?
3. bringing delight to the Father-God?

Hear Him - Matthew 28:19