

ANOINTED FOR ACTION

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The anointing of the Holy Spirit (when God's Spirit enters our body); instantly prepares us to do God's work, when required. God's Spirit is equally designed for action as it is for teaching and heart blessing. Jesus was always ready to use these powers whenever opportunities arose. LUK 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. Similarly, we only need some healthy motivation to allow the spirit to move as well.

The story of David helps us understand how we can take action as well. ISAM 16:7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

&10 Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these. 11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither. 12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he. 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah. 14 But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him (once God's spirit was gone, it only left Saul with the fear and insecurity of natural abilities and thoughts: also a sense of negativity and rejection).

&17 And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring him to me. 18 Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the LORD is with him. David is much more than a shepherd boy... Saul sends for David.

&21 And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armourbearer (Those who are anointed can hold special attraction to troubled people). 22 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favour in my sight. 23 And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him. Israel really needed help now.

ISAM 17:4 And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. Between 2 and 2.5 metres.

&8 And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set your battle in array? am not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me. 9 If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us. This is the universal battle between God and this world.

10 And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together. 11 When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid. This was the worst moment that Israel had faced since they demanded God give them a king. &20 And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper (perhaps a similar situation as when the shepherd of 100 sheep went out to look for his lost lamb), and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the trench, as the host was going forth to the fight, and shouted for the battle. After going back to the sheep, David returns again to where the battle is being readied.

&25 And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defy Israel is he come up: and it shall be, that the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel. 26 And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?

&28 And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle. 29 And David said, What have I now done? Is there not a cause? David has two things on his mind... both valid. Serve God and get blessed for doing so. David offers to fight the giant. Even his own brother who saw his anointed by Samuel, didn't grasp David's potential... but David never limited himself by the opinions of others. 31 And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed them before Saul: and he sent for him.

& 33 And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth (less than 20 years old, as no one could join the army till after 20), and he a man of war from his youth. 34 And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a

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lamb out of the flock: **35** And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered *it* out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught *him* by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. **36** Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God. *David never rebuked the Saul or the Israelites for their lack of faith (he was anointed for action)... But he does exhort the king and all the others not to panic. David does not pressure Saul to act; instead, David volunteers to act himself. He will fight this Philistine. This perhaps is another revelation that we might apply amongst ourselves. If we see something that needs doing, consider taking it on yourself with the consent of the others in the fellowship.* **37** David said moreover, **The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine.** And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee. *After David was anointed, the results of his actions were miraculously blessed.* **38** And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail.**39** And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved *it*. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved *them*. And David put them off him. *David chose the weapon that God blessed him with. David was relying upon God, not his natural abilities.* **40** And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook (*there were 5 giants, Goliath, his 3 brothers and his father*), and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling *was* in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine. **&42** And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he **disdained** him (*despised... perceived he was weak and useless*): for he was *but* a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance. *Most anointed people don't look special, but God's power is with them.* **43** And the Philistine said unto David, *Am* I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. *David was fighting a different type of battle with different types of weapons.* **44** And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field. **45** Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. **46** This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. **47** And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle *is* the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hands. *David very accurately prophesied what was still yet to happen.* **48** And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. **49** And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang *it*, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead (*it is estimated that the impact is similar to a hand gun*); and he fell upon his face to the earth. **50** So David prevailed over the Philistine with a **sling** and with a **stone** (*the sling multiplies the force of the stone beyond human ability, just as the spirit performs beyond our natural ability*), and **smote** the Philistine, and slew him; but *there was* no sword in the hand of David. **51** Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and **slew** him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled. *It is interesting that the Lord said that he would judge men by their own words, just as Goliath was finally judged by his own sword.* **MAT 12:37** For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned. *The principle of both covenants remains operational.*

In conclusion. 1PET 3:15 But **sanctify** (*dedicate by setting aside*) the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: *We have been anointed to take action when God sees an opening for us. Like David there is blessings for us and blessings for others, when we step out in faith on a daily basis.*