Fresh Oil

Psalm 92:10 NKJV - But my horn You have exalted like a wild ox; I have been *anointed with fresh oil*.

Psalm 92:10 CEV - You have given me the strength of a wild ox, and <u>you have</u> <u>chosen me</u> to be your very own.

INTRO: The second law of thermodynamics is this:

- EVERYTHING TENDS TOWARDS DISORDER.
- "left to itself, an isolated system tends toward a state of maximum disorder"

Left on their own, isolated from outside influence, things tend to get worse, not better.

Hebrews 1:10-11 NKJV

¹⁰ And: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands.

¹¹<u>They will perish, but You remain</u>; And they will all grow old like a garment;

• This is why evolution simply cannot be true!

The theory of evolution says that

- Things have *progressively gotten* better, smarter, more advanced
- Without any outside influence!
- Things tend to <u>get worse</u> when left on their own, not better.

EVERYTHING IN OUR LIVES, <u>LEFT UNTENDED</u>, WILL EVENTUALLY FALL APART AND DISINTEGRATE!

Your body will fall apart if you don't take care of it!

• If you don't believe that, try not brushing your teeth for a while!

Tooth decay occurs when your teeth are frequently exposed to foods containing carbohydrates, starches, and sugars...

- Natural bacteria lives in your mouth.
- Producing tooth decay and weakening the teeth
- Eventually causing them to fall out of your head!

<u>Your home</u>

If you don't check for termites on a regular basis, you might find your house falling down around your ears!

- Buildings are built <u>on top</u> of the ground, of course, and **termites exploit** the small cracks <u>in building foundations</u> to enter a structure.
- Once these termite *pathways* have been established Destruction.

<u>Your car</u>

If you don't take that car in for an oil change the engine will eventually seize up on you.

• If you don't take it in for a wash once in a while, the salt will eat it!

<u>Your yard</u>

Thanks to our Father, Adam, we now have to work the soil!

- If you don't do anything, your yard will grow out of control...
- Unfortunately, it won't mow itself OR take care of itself.

<u>Your marriage</u>

One of the problems in many marriages is this:

- The things you did **to get your mate**, you won't do to keep them!
- IT Will not be enough to suffice 5 years down the road!
- She needs fresh romance, fresh love, fresh affirmation!

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WE MUST GUARD AGAINST IS <u>DETERIORATION</u> <u>OF OUR WALK</u> WITH GOD!

It's been a while since we have allowed <u>the outside influence of the Holy Spirit</u> to work in <u>our lives</u>, and things in <u>our hearts</u> are tending toward <u>maximum disorder!</u>

We think things will get better on their own -

- If we **don't** practice some **spiritual maintenance** -
- It won't be long before decay, deterioration, disintegration -
- Takes over and our spirits will be <u>destroyed</u>!

I feel strongly in my heart that God desires for us to renew our relationship w/Him

- Some of us are trying to survive on stale bread!
- """ find direction from stale vision!
- """ stay saved with stale Holy Ghost!
- """ shout with stale joy!
- """ keep smiling with stale hope!

But, it's time to <u>put down the sword</u>, <u>push away the plate</u>, <u>lock ourselves up</u> with the Lord and find some <u>fresh oil</u>!

Philippians 2:12 NKJV - Light Bearers -

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, *work out your own salvation with fear and trembling*!!!

Philippians 2:12 – CEV - Lights in the World

My dear friends, you always obeyed when I was with you. Now that I am away, you should obey even more. So work with *fear and trembling* to *discover what it really means* to be saved.

- <u>Salvation is a journey</u>!
- And I must work at staying saved I must maintain that salvation!

I am sorry to <u>cross theological swords</u> with some, but there is <u>no Biblical backing</u> for the theory of "ONCE SAVED, ALWAYS SAVED!"

Paul said: **1 Corinthians 9:27 NKJV** - But I discipline my body and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

For this cause Paul makes another statement in -

1 Corinthians 15:31 NKJV

31 I affirm, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, <u>I die</u> <u>daily</u>.

I don't ever want to wake up and say,

- "I don't need to pray today!"
- *"I don't need to <u>repent</u> today!"*
- "I have finally <u>arrived</u>, I can rest now!"

There is <u>not a day</u> that goes by that I don't need to be <u>in the presence</u> of Jesus!

There is not a day that goes by that I don't **need** <u>to feel the power</u> of the only one that can:

• Forgive sin - Restore my joy - Renew my mind - Cleanse my heart

Left to my own, *isolated*, *untouched* by the Master's hand, <u>I am leaning toward</u> maximum disorder, but *everyday I want to be anointed* with:

• Fresh <u>oil</u>, Fresh <u>anointing</u>, Fresh <u>Holy Spirit</u>, Fresh <u>vision</u>, Fresh <u>strength</u>!

THE PSALMIST STATES A VERY POWERFUL TRUTH IN OUR PASSAGE THIS MORNING, AND THAT IS THE NEED FOR FRESHNESS!

• David speaks often in the Psalms of **his need for <u>today's oil</u>** for today, <u>not yesterday's oil</u> for today!

Psalm 61:8 NKJV - So I will sing praise to Your name forever, *That I may <u>daily</u>* perform my vows.

Psalm 68:19 NKJV - ¹⁹ Blessed *be* the Lord, *Who* <u>*daily*</u> loads us *with benefits*, The God of our salvation! *Selah*

Psalm 72:15 CEV - Long live the king! Give him gold from Sheba. Always pray for the king *and praise him each day.*

Psalm 86:3 CEV - ³ Be kind to me! I pray to you all day.

The manna was supposed to be <u>gathered daily</u>, enough <u>only for that day</u>. Only on the eve of the Sabbath were they to gather enough for the next day.

If they tried to keep today's manna until tomorrow -

• The Bible says it rotted, stank, and worms came out of it!

<u>Yesterday's</u> manna <u>is not good enough</u> for today!!!!!!!

Jesus said in the Lord's prayer, Matthew 6:11 - Give us this day our daily bread.

<u>In Luke 9:23</u> he goes on to say: And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

The <u>Apostles</u> understood the need for daily dedication!

Acts 2:46-47 NKJV -

⁴⁶ So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added ^[a]to the church daily those who were being saved.

Acts 5:42 NKJV

⁴² And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus *as* the Christ.

We need freshness in our worship!

Psalm 33:3 NKJV - ³ Sing to Him a <u>*new*</u> song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy.

<u>New - Fresh</u>

Every morning when you and I wake up, we need fresh mercy!

It doesn't matter what happened yesterday, how badly we have failed, how far we went astray, there is fresh mercy for today!

THE DANGER WE FACE WHEN WE FAIL TO RENEW DAILY IS LOSING JESUS

Luke 2:41-47 CEV - The Boy Jesus in the Temple

⁴¹ <u>Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for Passover</u>. ⁴² And when Jesus was twelve years old, they all went there as usual for the celebration. ⁴³ After Passover his parents left, but they did not know that Jesus had stayed on in the city. ⁴⁴ <u>They thought he was traveling with some other people</u>, and they went a whole day <u>before they started looking for him</u>. ⁴⁵ <u>When they could not find him</u> with their relatives and friends, they went back to Jerusalem and started looking for him there.

⁴⁶ Three days later <u>they found Jesus sitting in the temple</u>, listening to the teachers and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was surprised at how much he knew and at the answers he gave.

Where did his parents lose Him?

• They lost him in Jerusalem, city of God. The church!

It is possible to stay in the church and lose the presence of God!

When did they lose him?

Custom of the feast. They lost Jesus while they were still *fulfilling their customs*! They lost Jesus while they were *still going through the rituals*.

<u>It is possible</u> to fulfill our <u>customs</u>, <u>standards</u>, <u>rules</u> and <u>regulations</u> and <u>lose</u> <u>Jesus</u>!

Why did they lose him?

They supposed He was with them! They didn't bother to check, *they just assumed*!

How can we sit in the church and <u>lose the Holy Spirit</u>?

How can we sit in the presence of Jesus Christ Himself and <u>lose Him</u>?

When <u>we fail to renew</u> our acquaintance <u>with Jesus daily</u>! When we <u>just assume</u> that we are okay, that he is still with us!

Where did they find Jesus?

They didn't find him in the company of friends and acquaintances!

They didn't find him through the experiences of fellow saints, <u>they found Him in</u> <u>the temple</u>!

CLOSE:

You Need An Anointing

1 Samuel 16:13 NKJV

¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

The Holy Ghost is the anointing for the church!

- We are **powerless without** the anointing of the Holy Ghost.
- We cannot even be a witness of Him **without** that anointing.

David was only a sheep herder without the anointing.

- Nobody loved him.
- Nobody cared where he was at.

David came from one messed up family!!!

- His own daddy never called him out of the field to be anointed.
- His brothers shewed him off like he was a worthless punk.

But when that anointing hit his head...

- Everything changed.
- Everything he used to be
- Everything he was going to be changed.

From that moment on he was different.

- He acted different He looked different.
- He sounded different.

Have you lost Jesus today through neglect - lack of maintenance, and lack of relationship?

Have you just *assumed that everything was okay*, everything was going to stay the same?

If so, it's time to come to this altar for a fresh anointing of oil!

It's time to come back to the temple and *find Jesus!*