



Prayer Focus

May 3 - 9, 2021

Pure Oil

Jesus tells us in the Gospel of Luke that we should be ready (see Prayer Focus, January 4 – 10, 2021), watching, and burning as we wait for Him to return.

“Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately.” Luke 12:35-36

“Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them. And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.... Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.” Luke 12:37-38, 40

What is required to be burning?

“Command the children of Israel, they shall take to you pure olive oil, crushed for lighting, to kindle the lamps continually.” Leviticus 24:2

A brief search of the process of olive oil extraction reveals these steps:

- 1) Cleaning the olives.
- 2) Grinding the olives.
- 3) Malaxing the olives (which allows small oil droplets to combine into bigger ones). This can involve heating or adding water.
- 4) Separating the oil from the rest of the olive components

See Extraction Process, oliveoilsource.com

Using the analogy of believers as olives being pressed to be made into oil that burns, we can learn much from applying these steps to ourselves.

First, we must be cleansed by the blood of Christ.

Second, in choosing to follow Him we are pressed so that the finest oil - that which is fit to be used - flows from us.

Third, He joins us with other believers so that our oil would be combined as one product. Joined together, we burn longer and more widely for Him; transforming our communities and nations.

Fourth, He separates us – makes us Holy unto Him. We must be separated unto Him, and allow Him to remove and discard every unusable thing from us. Olive oil burns cleanly, without any smoke.

“The finest oil was produced from fully developed and ripe olives harvested solely from the apex of the tree, and lightly pressed, ‘for what flows from the light pressure is very sweet and very thin.’” https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Olive_oil_extraction.

May we be Fine Oil:

Fully developed – nothing lacking in both the Word and the Spirit

Ripe – ready to be picked and used

Dwelling in the apex of the tree - indicates one who abides in the Vine, in His Presence, and an ability to rise above the natural/flesh and be in the Spirit

Pray

- For the body of Messiah to have a hunger to burn brightly for Jesus. Set us aflame, Lord.
- That the lost and unreached would see the Light of Christ in His people as never before in this hour. That the glory of the Lord would shine over us and would overtake the darkness.

“¹Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.

²For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. ³The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.” Isaiah 60:1-3

- That the body of Messiah would be ready, watching, and burning. See Luke 12:35-40
- May the body of Messiah be fully developed, ripe, and dwell in the apex of the tree. That, with the Father's light press, we would produce a sweet fragrance, pure oil for lighting, and burn continually.

Burn For You // Iron Bell Music (Ft. Joel Gerdis)

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