Golden Oil

Zechariah 4 speaks of the "golden oil" and how it is disseminated. It's through "the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth" (Zechariah 4:12-14). Sister White speaks of this plainly by saying, "The oil is a symbol of the Holy Spirit." And, "So from the holy ones that stand in God's presence His Spirit is imparted to the human instrumentalities who are consecrated to His service. The mission of the two anointed ones is to communicate to God's people that heavenly grace which alone can make His word a lamp to the feet and a light to the path. "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zechariah 4:6" (Christ's Object Lessons 408.1).

I want that oil that God gives, and so many times it's in different ways.

A few weeks ago I was trying to get the tractor out to move a pile of particle boards that have been taking up space for about a year now. I was determined, that was the day it would happen. I started up the tractor and gently moved it forward. To my surprise I heard a grinding. The hitch was dragging an attachment... Bummer! I stepped off the tractor and looked, realizing to my shock that golden oil was *pouring* out of the bottom of the tractor! My eyes got really big, and I started looking around frantically for a container of some sort to catch the golden oil. I found two or three of them and each were too tall to slide under the tractor. The golden oil was pooling in a large puddle quickly, being wasted and making a huge mess! I was running through the garage praying out loud, "Lord, help me find something to catch this hydraulic fluid!" It was bound to get into everything around the tractor if I wasn't able to find something right away.

God answered my prayer with a two gallon bucket. I caught the first load, then emptied it into a five gallon bucket, twice, three times, then had to empty the five gallon bucket! That happened again! Then it started slowing up a bit after two more dumps into the five gallon bucket... whew! Oil was everywhere, all over tools, buckets, the tractor tires, the concrete, my shoes, my hands, a broom and a dust pan... and only a *few* of the things that were around the tractor. Ugh.

Amen? Thank you God? "Count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that he trying of your faith worketh patience," right? (James 1:2-3). Sometimes that can be tricky, but golden oil *was* everywhere... (It took 12.5 gallons to refill that reservoir!)

Of course, my mind was thinking about the spiritual 'golden oil' that we all so long to have. At the strangest time, under awk-weird circumstances, and in unusual ways, God is giving and will continue to give us the gift of His latter rain. I pray I am prepared to receive it when it comes in its fullness... You?

Was Supposed to be Traveling

I was supposed to be in two other countries besides the US this last month, but both of them were cancelled, and I think I know a bit of why. While I was supposed to be in the first country (which was going to be more of a vacation this time) my wife was going to be with me. Well, we didn't go and when we would have been gone, her friend ended up with a heart attack! And my wife has worked with her on-and-off at a ministry for some time, so who would be the best person to step in other than my wife? You know, God had it all under control. Also, just after that, my son's knee reacted as he was working on building a deck around a house—to the point of needing major surgery! I wont show pictures, as it may be grotesque to some, but you can imagine the results as I lovingly named my son's knee 'Mount Knee-bo!'

May God continue to lead us all, even when we think things should be a different way. He knows best.

Africa Again

I will be going in a couple weeks to Africa again, but into a country I have only travelled through, not with boots on the ground—per se. I was asked not to say what country it will be, as the locals may have a bit of trouble with me coming, and may try to stop some of the meetings before they even begin! It's happened elsewhere, so I believe it possible again. So, please pray for what I believe will be an amazing experience.

Pastor Martin Barlow

Some of you may know Pastor Martin Barlow. He has been a kind, polite, funny, and dedicated servant for many years longer than the time I have known him, though recently he has had trouble with his heart. I was able to speak at their congregation about 2 hours drive from my home, but just a few days before I got there Pastor Barlow had another major hear episode! Please keep he and his lovely wife Kay in your prayers. It's a difficult time.

RwD.chat

"Good morning! @RevelationWithDaniel. My 10 year old niece was using my phone and she ran into RwD.chat because I have it on my Home Screen so it looks like a native app.

She opened it up and seriously screamed with excitement "you have a Bible chatgpt?!"

So she got right to asking it questions. It was so much fun to watch her because I could tell she had questions she wants answers to. Her big questions were in regard to God and Lucifer and also Jesus' second return, I think about knowing when He's coming.

At first the answers were too "grown up" for her, so I told her to prompt and tell it that she was 10 years old. From then on the responses were geared more towards someone of her age! It was awesome

Now I don't think I would let someone her age have free range to it because they can use it for deep theological questions but I think it's a good tool to use for parents to talk about subjects that are more than just stories like David killed Goliath... she's at an age where she wants to know more. I think we do a disservice to our kids when we keep the Bible as a surface read."

That was sent to me and I praise God for it. Just get onto a browser and type in RwD.chat to see what responses you might get to your questions!

Tennessee Camp Meeting in August

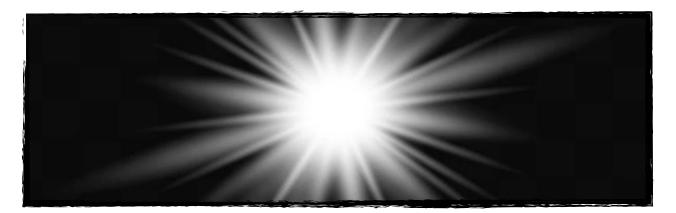


Ever Considered this Quote?

"Christ's followers are to be more than a light in the midst of men. They are the light of the world. Jesus says to all who have named His name, You have given yourselves to Me, and I have given you to the world as My representatives. As the Father had sent Him into the world, so, He declares, "have I also sent them into the world." John 17:18. As Christ is the channel for the revelation of the Father, so we are to be the channel for the revelation of Christ. While our Saviour is the great source of illumination, forget not, O Christian, that He is revealed through humanity. God's blessings are bestowed through human instrumentality. Christ Himself came to the world as the Son of man. Humanity, united to the divine nature, must touch humanity. The church of Christ, every individual disciple of the Master, is heaven's appointed channel for the revelation of God to men. Angels of glory wait to communicate through you heaven's light and power to souls that are ready to perish. Shall the human agent fail of accomplishing his appointed work? Oh, then to that degree is the world robbed of the promised influence of the Holy Spirit!" (Mount of Blessings 40.2).

You are an appointed vessel for the golden oil.

"God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us" (2 Corinthians 4:6-7).



Whether it's a weekly Bible marking class, video meetings like some Sundays with the Legion of

Mary in Kenya, a periodic interview done online, a visit with friends personally or over some means of communication, family time, Bible study, prayer, walks in nature, traveling to some place for ministry, or an online weekend meetings to share the gospel, whatever and wherever the case may be, we are called to be the light of the world.

May God find all of us faithful to His calling.

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