

A Kingdom of Priests.

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“Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us [a kingdom of priests] unto God and His Father”

Revelation 1:5-6.

The priesthood commenced with Aaron and his sons when they were all anointed with oil. **Oil is a type of the Holy Spirit.** However, there is a significant difference between the anointing of Aaron and the anointing of his sons who were also priests.

Aaron (a type of our Great High Priest, the Lord Jesus) needed no blood to be applied before he was anointed. Likewise, **the Lord Jesus Himself needed no cleansing before He was anointed by the Holy Spirit:** “. . . *a Lamb without blemish and without spot*” 1 Peter 1:19. And, as a voice, “*out of the cloud*” declared on the Mount of Transfiguration: “*This is My Beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him*” Matthew 17:5.

Reading the prophecy of Isaiah in Nazareth, the Lord Jesus said, “*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*” Luke 4:18.

It was by the power of the anointing of the Holy Spirit that the Lord Jesus ministered forgiveness and deliverance among the multitudes in His day.