

Anointing of Joy

Psalm 45 (New International Version)

⁷ You love righteousness and hate wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions
by anointing you with the oil of joy.

⁸ All your robes are fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia;
from palaces adorned with ivory
the music of the strings makes you glad.

Hebrews 1:9

You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by **anointing** you with the oil of joy."

Let's explore anointing oil. The first we hear of anointing oil in Exodus for the construction, organization and establishment of the tabernacle during Moses leadership. God instructed offerings to be brought for the building and furnishing of the tabernacle. Olive oil was one of the items God instructed to be used. So we read in [Exodus 25:6](#) *olive oil for the light; spices for the **anointing** oil and for the fragrant incense;*

So, Olive oil was used to bring light into the tabernacle of God. Several other verses support Exodus 25:6 as Olive oil is a symbol of light.

Exodus 35:8

olive oil for the light; spices for the **anointing** oil and for the fragrant incense;

Exodus 35:28

They also brought spices and olive oil for the light and for the **anointing** oil and for the fragrant incense.

Exodus 37:29

They also made the sacred **anointing** oil and the pure, fragrant incense—the work of a perfumer.

Exodus 40:9

"Take the **anointing** oil and anoint the tabernacle and everything in it; consecrate it and all its furnishings, and it will be holy.

Also where olive oil becomes anointing oil is when other items are added as God instructed using several spices and liquid myrrh was added making a wonderful fragrance.

Exodus 30:22

[**Anointing Oil**] Then the LORD said to Moses, Then the LORD said to Moses,²³ "Take the following fine spices: 500 shekels [c] of liquid myrrh, half as much (that is, 250 shekels) of fragrant cinnamon, 250 shekels of fragrant cane,²⁴ 500 shekels of cassia—all according to the sanctuary shekel—and a hin [d] of olive oil.²⁵ Make these into a sacred anointing oil, a fragrant blend, the work of a perfumer. It will be the sacred anointing oil.

Olive oil- The *oil* is a nourishing demulcent (soothes or softens) and laxative. Externally, it relieves pruritis (itch), the effects of stings or burns, and is a good vehicle for liniments. With alcohol it is a good hair-tonic. As a lubricant it is valuable in skin, muscular, joint, kidney and chest complaints, or abdominal chill, typhoid and scarlet fevers, plague and dropsies. Delicate babies absorb its nourishing properties well through the skin. Its value in worms or gallstones is uncertain.

Internally, it is a laxative and disperser of acids, and a mechanical antidote to irritant poisons. It is often used in enemas. It is the best fat for cooking, and a valuable article of diet for both sick and healthy of all ages. It can easily be taken with milk, orange or lemon juice, etc.

Myrrh - Astringent, healing. Tonic and stimulant. A direct emmenagogue (induces menstruation), a tonic in dyspepsia (nausea and vomiting), an expectorant in the absence of feverish symptoms, a stimulant to the mucous tissues, a stomachic carminative, exciting (stirring or stimulating) appetite and the flow of gastric juice, and an astringent wash.

Cinnamon-Carminative, astringent, stimulant, antiseptic; more powerful as a local than as a general stimulant; is prescribed in powder and infusion but usually combined with other medicines. It stops vomiting, relieves flatulence (gas), and given with chalk and astringents is useful for diarrhea and hemorrhage of the womb.

Fragrant Cane-Historians believe that this would be Calamus (Sweet Sedge). Calamus was largely grown from time immemorial for its rhizomes (underground stems or roots, such as ginger) in the East and the Indian rhizomes were imported extensively long after it was common in Europe. The Indian rhizome is said to have a stronger and more agreeable flavour than that obtained in Europe or the United States.

If the Calamus of the Bible is this plant, Exodus xxx. 23, Canticles iv. 14, and Ezekiel xxvii. 19, are the earliest records of its use.

Calamus is now known to us as Sweet Sedge. It is now found wild on the margins of ponds and rivers in most of the English counties, and is in some parts abundant, especially in the Fen districts. In Scotland it is scarce. It is found in all European countries except Spain, and becomes more abundant eastward and in southern Russia, northern Asia Minor and southern Siberia, China and Japan. It is also found in the northern United States of America, where it appears to be indigenous.

Calamus was formerly much esteemed as an aromatic stimulant and mild tonic. A fluid extract is an official preparation in the United States and some other Pharmacopoeias, but it is not now official in the British Pharmacopoeia, though it is much used in herbal medicine as an aromatic bitter.

On account of the volatile oil which is present, it also acts as a carminative (used against cramps of the digestive tract), removing the discomfort caused by flatulence (gas) and checking the growth of the bacteria which give rise to it.

It is used to increase the appetite and benefit digestion, given as fluid extract, infusion or tincture. Tincture of Calamus, obtained by macerating the finely-cut rhizome in alcohol for seven days and filtering, is used as a stomachic and flavouring agent. It has a brownish-yellow colour and a pungent, spicy taste. The essential oil is used as an addition to inhalations.

Cassia-Closely resembles cinnamon. The trees are at their greatest perfection at the age of ten to twelve years, but they continue to spread and send up new shoots. The bark may be easily distinguished from that of cinnamon, as it is thicker, coarser, darker, and duller, the flavour being more pungent, less sweet and delicate, and slightly bitter. The stronger flavour causes it to be preferred to cinnamon by German and Roman chocolate makers.

It is used for stomachic, carminative, mildly astringent, said to be emmenagogue (induce menstruation) and capable of decreasing the secretion of milk. The tincture is useful in uterine hemorrhage and menorrhagia (heavy or prolonged menstrual), the doses of 1 drachm being given every 5, 10 or 20 minutes as required. It is chiefly used to assist and flavor other drugs, being helpful in diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, and to relieve flatulence.

The oil is a powerful germicide, but being very irritant is rarely used in medicine for this purpose. It is a strong local stimulant, sometimes prescribed in gastro-dynia, flatulent colic, and gastric debility.

God's anointing oil is a foundation for healing, wellness and it remains with us for continued healing and joy.

Loving Righteousness and Hating Wickedness

As anointed children of God we are to hate wickedness and love righteousness, as in our key scripture for today. As we live in the practice on a day-to-day basis we have joy that continually comes from our lips. We are constantly speaking joy. Prophesying into the lives of others the Lord's love and joy for living; making our lives and the lives of others peaceful and uplifting.

Notice the writer of Hebrews repeats Psalms 45:7 in Hebrews 1:9. Supporting and continuing the foundation of spoken prophecy; reminding us of God's promises. Our breath will spiritually smell of the anointing oil. A fragrance of joy and peace will come from our lips as we support righteousness and hate evil.

The Truth

As children of God we are anointed as his servants, or ministers of his message, of love and forgiveness. In [1 John 2:20](#) it says "But you have an **anointing** from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth."

So the truth dwells within us, always abiding with us as children of God. Again, as we speak the truth of God's existence and the life and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God's son, we will spiritually permeate our surroundings with fragrance of the anointing oil. A sweet savor for the temple of God.

Remains and Teaches

Also as children of God we have the promise of the anointing remaining in us at all times, it teaches us, it is real and not counterfeit, so as we are taught with truth, it remains in us at all times.

1 John 2:27

As for you, the **anointing** you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his **anointing** teaches you about all things and as that **anointing** is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in him.

The anointing which allows the light to burn from the oil and the fragrance and properties of healing power as it flows over us on a continual basis gives it a home to remain in, as long as we uphold righteousness and hate evil.