

Exodus 57: *Pure Olive Oil – Beaten Not Pressed*

Exodus (Names) – Changing the World
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Olive Oil for the Menorah



Donated by the People

- The people were to contribute to the continual light of the Tabernacle by providing *extra virgin* olive oil
 - The oil probably derived from early harvest olives
 - Ground in a simple mortar-pestle device
 - Produced the clearest oil without addition of acids
 - Impurities easily removed
 - This was to be observed throughout all generations

Eisegesis – Error of Doctrine

- Taken out of context this could provide the following inspirational doctrine; but, totally in error
 - All people have good in them (oil)
 - Adversity brings out the good in all of us (beaten)
 - This goodness lights the way for everyone to better life
 - Suffer, knowing good will come of it for everyone
- This is Gnostic universalism, negating God's salvation

Exegesis – Truth of Doctrine

- Hebrew people were *chosen* of God as His people (OT) as the saved today are His people *chosen* people (NT)
 - His Spirit moved (resides) in His people (oil) (Esa 32:9-15; 26:10)
 - Adversity (beaten) reveals the weakness of the flesh (1Co 12:7-10)
 - His people rely on His Spirit (oil) because they are weak (Ro 8:3-5)
 - Their testimony in adversity reveals them as His people (1Pe 1:5-7)
 - Their testimony is the light that reaches out to lost men (Mt 5:1-10)

Which Approach is in Scripture?

- Eisegesis – Goodness of all men everywhere?
 - All have sinned and come short of God's glory (Ro 3:23)
 - There is no one who is righteous, who understand (Ro 3:10)
 - Everyone has become *worthless*; **everyone** (Ro 3:12)
- Bible does not teach universal goodness of man
- Bible does teach the utter sinfulness of all peoples

The Only Truth in Scripture

- All people are sinners from *first Adam (man)* (Ro 5:12-14, 17-19)
 - Man given task to control his sinfulness - failed (Ro 6:6-7)
 - Law given to reveal to man his **utter** sinfulness (Ro 7:7-13)
 - All who are in sin are walking dead men [zombies] (Ec 2:11)
- Therefore, all sinners are devoid of the oil of God
- All people are in need of a Savior - Jesus Christ (Ac 2:38)

Hagiazo Process - Beaten Oil

- All people of God undergo the Hagiazo Process to reveal:
 - Weakness and ignorance of the flesh (Impurities) (Ro 14:18)
 - The grace of God sustaining them (oil) (Ec 12:18)
 - Maturing them in the image of Christ (light) (Ec 2:20-21)
- His people go through tribulation under His tutelage revealing their continual need to walk in Him
(1A 22:31-52; 3a 1:13-15; 4:1-6)

Process Began with First Adam

- This process revealed weakness of flesh alone in Adam
Ro 5
 - God instructed man who instructed woman (others)
 - Satan allowed to test man who relied solely on his flesh
 - Both woman and man succumbed to their flesh - sin
 - God gave grace via blood of innocent animal pointing to the promise of the coming Messiah
 - God stopped man from eternity in sinful flesh - Grace

Process Illustrated in Detail

- Job details this process as first book actually written
 - Job - Religious but lost man relying on works, not faith
 - Highlighted by God to Satan who accuses Job to God
 - Satan tests Job twice, with permission, with limitations
 - Job and friends seek to find meaning in adversity without knowledge of God - all fail
 - Elihu condemns Job for questioning and testing God

Job Ends with Job's Salvation

- God cuts through the misconceptions of the flesh
- Holy God speaks to Job (Whirlwind-judgment) not to give explanations but to confront Job in his sin
- Sinful man holds God accountable, in ignorance
- Holy God holds man accountable; then offers grace through sacrifice of Christ [Job saved]

Hall of God's Tested People

- Hebrews Eleven oft called "Hall of Fame" of God's faithful people; is also His "Hall of Testing"
 - Each person named was tested by God
 - Revealed frailty of their flesh and need for God's grace
 - The goodness in these people was not their flesh but God working through them accomplishing His purposes
 - These all died not receiving the Spirit (oil) - new nature

Details of Their Testing

- Abel's Offering
- Enoch walked with God
- Noah built Ark
- Moses rejected Egypt
- Many more lived by faith
- He was murdered
- Tested - Rested in faith
- His faith condemned men
- Driven from Egypt
- Many also died horribly

God's Spirit *Revealed* by Tribulation

- The nameless people of Hebrews Eleven died in faith looking forward to a better life in God
 - The Hagiazio process revealed to them their sinful flesh which they rejected to walk with God (salvation)
 - The world hated them because their *light* revealed the world's sin, condemning them for their error
 - Quenching the light(s) did not remove their sin, only condemned them for rejecting the testimony of God

People Grinding the Olives

- The people grinding the olives producing the pure oil to be used in the Tabernacle were enacting a metaphor of God's process for bringing them to glory
- Hunched over the mortar/pestle grinding down the olives to remove the wastes and obtain the pure oil is a picture of God at work in their lives of all whom He calls to grace, maturing them in Christ

Oil Used for Menorah

- This oil was used to light the Menorah in the Holy Place by the priests at night
 - Each of God's people becomes a part of this light to a dark, dying, sinful world revealing the grace of God
 - The fleshly nature is revealed and rejected
 - Spirit's work through each person graces God and the person whom God shares His grace with for eternity *(6, 17)*

Throughout Their Generations

- This is one of the few texts appended with this inscription, "Throughout Their Generations"
 - This places this process on par with
 - Circumcision
 - Passover
 - Sabbath
 - Tallit with Tzitzits

Oil Used to Anoint God's Men

- This oil was also used to anoint men & objects as holy
 - Symbolized the weakness of the flesh
 - Need for total reliance on God via His Spirit
 - Looked forward to the New Covenant inaugurated by Messiah and His death for sin for His people
- This simple substance became a metaphor for so much

Early Church Used Oil

- Early churches used oil but quickly lost its significance as they lost or rejected their Jewish doctrinal roots
- James discusses the use of oil but our translations give a distorted eisegetical twist to his meaning (Jas 5:11-16)
- James discusses praying for those weak, not sick, in the flesh; a euphemism for lost sinners (ἀσθενέω)
- Oil symbolized incoming Spirit saving them from sin

James Discusses Faith Issues

- It is out of place for James, who is discussing issues of faith, to suddenly discuss physical healing without laying any groundwork for such a discussion
- He is discussing salvation for those seeking it and the need for faithful prayer among the saved for those who are called, searching for God's truth in a dark world; thus, we share in the work of salvation by God's grace

James Ends in Repentance

- James ends this passage discussing the need for those in the faith to receive one of their own who has wandered from the faith for a spell but has returned
- Christians started hospitals showing God's mercy for the ill; however, hospitals have become institutions of Gnostic paganism staffed by the lost worshipping themselves {Caduceus - MD} {Asclepius' Staff - EMT}