

## **The Spirit of God and Justice: The Anointing Spirit II**

In the Hebrew Scriptures, prophets, priests, and kings were anointed.

The anointing was symbolic, experiential, and tangible.

The Hebrew Scriptures announce a future king, an ultimate king, and a king of justice.

Justice is one of God's missions through the Spirit of the LORD for all b, c people and His leaders.

*There is a link between the Hebrew Scriptures and Christian Scriptures.*

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*“God will not be worshiped and cannot be known apart from commitment to righteousness and justice, faithfulness and love, the things that define God's own character and are his delight (Jeremiah 9:23-24; 22:15-17).”*

### **I**

Future anointed kings were **measured** by David, “the stump of Jesse.”

<sup>NIV</sup> **Isaiah 11:1** A shoot will come up from **the stump of Jesse**; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. <sup>2</sup> **The Spirit of the LORD** will rest on him— the **Spirit of** wisdom and of understanding, the **Spirit of** counsel and of might, the **Spirit of** knowledge and fear of the LORD — <sup>3</sup> and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. **He will not judge** by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; <sup>4</sup> **but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice** he will give decisions for **the poor of the earth**. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. <sup>5</sup> **Righteousness will be his belt** and faithfulness the sash around his waist. (*Isaiah 11:1–5*)

There are seven **manifestations** of the Spirit of the LORD. Vs 2

Rulers are measured by their righteousness and justice.

Righteousness is maintaining a relationship with the LORD, by the Spirit. Vs 4, 5

Justice is dealing fairly and equitably with all the people. Vs 4a

Justice is lifting up the cause of the marginalized. Vs 4b

## II

The future anointed king would be a servant.

*NIV Isaiah 42:1* **Here is my servant**, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; **I will put my Spirit** on him and **he will bring justice to the nations**. <sup>2</sup> He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. <sup>3</sup> A **bruised reed** he will not break, and a **smouldering wick** he will not snuff out. **In faithfulness he will bring forth justice**; <sup>4</sup> he will not falter or be discouraged till **he establishes justice on earth**. In his teaching the islands will put their hope. <sup>5</sup> This is what God the LORD says— The Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives **breath to its people**, and life to those who walk on it: <sup>6</sup> I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a **covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles**, <sup>7</sup> to **open eyes** that are blind, to **free captives** from prison and to **release from the dungeon** those who sit in darkness. (*Isaiah 42:1–7*)

The Anointing is for justice; it sets things right. Vs 1, 3, 4

The Anointing is for compassion; it does not “pile on,” break and extinguish people. Vs 2-3

The Anointing is for enlightenment; it opens our eyes. Vs 7a

The Anointing is for liberation; it frees and releases captives. Vs 7b

The Anointing is not a sacred space only; the Anointing is for community space and public space.

## III

The ultimate king is anointed with the Spirit of the LORD.

Future rulers are **empowered** by the Spirit of the LORD for a specific people and for all people.

*NIV* **Isaiah 61:1** The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has **anointed** me to proclaim good news to **the poor**. He has sent me to bind up **the broken-hearted**, <sup>2</sup> to proclaim freedom for **the captives** and release from darkness for **the prisoners**, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who **mourn**, <sup>3</sup> and provide for those who **grieve** in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of **ashes**, the oil of joy instead of **mourning**, and a garment of praise instead of a **spirit of despair**. (Isaiah 61:1–3)

The poor hear, hope, and good news. Vs 1a

The broken-hearted are **mended**. Vs 1b

The captives are set free. Vs 2a

The prisoners are **released**. Vs 2b

People who mourn are **comforted**. Vs 2c - 3 b, c

People who grieve receive **provision**.

People who are in despair receive hope. Vs 3d

*These are qualities and characteristics of a Spirit-filled ruler, people, and church.*

*Nehemiah Action, Celeste Center at the State Fair Grounds, Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 6:30 pm (In person only)*

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Saturday & Sunday, April 9 & 10, 2022  
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