\*WHO IS THE LORD'S ANOINTED?\*

One of the most widely quoted bible passages is 1 Chronicles 16:22:

 \*"Touch not my anointed and do my prophet no harm"\*.

Lately, the Holy Spirit prompted the question: \*"who is the Lord's anointed?"\*

 in me.

According to the dictionary: The Anointed person is the chosen or nominated one as successor or a leading candidate for a position.

In this era, the phrase: \*"the anointed"\* is commonly attributed only to some sets of people within the Church setting.

However, a close study of the bible confirms that the word "anointed" has far more overreaching connotation.

\*"I have found David my servant; with My Holy oil have I anointed him"\*

Psalm 80:20.

David was chosen by God as a king to succeed King Saul and he was subsequently " \*physically anointed"\* by Samuel as God gave instruction.

\*1Sam16:11-13\*

David spared the life of king Saul because he knew Saul was the Lord's anointed.

 \*"David said to Abishai, do not destroy him; for who can stetch out his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?\*

1 Sam 26:9.

To answer: No one can lay his hand upon the anointed of God and gets away with it;

King Abimelech narrowly missed damnation,when God revealed to him in a dream that Sarah was the wife and not sister of \*Abraham :"the anointed one"\*.

Gen 20:1-14.

The \*anointed ones\* are people who have received a special \*calling\* from God; they are \*ordained,\* \*chosen\* and prepared by God for His work;

\*"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with Holy Spirit and with Power..."\*

Acts 10:38.

As believers, we are anointed:

 \*"It is God who strengthens us (believers) with you in Christ and He has anointed us"\*. 2Cor 1:21

The pouring of the oil: \*"anointing oil"\* does not have the desired impactation on the anointed one without \*God's approval\* of the fellow as His Chosen vessel.

An Angel spoke to a woman:

 \*"You will become pregnant and give birth to a son and his hair shall never the cut; for he will be dedicated to God as a Nazarite from birth. He will begin to rescue Isreal from the Philistians".\*

Judges 13:5

 \*Samson\* was perhaps the strongest man ever lived. He killed a lion with bare hand and singlehandedly defeated the Philistians.

I discovered after a study of Samson that: being a \*Nazarite\*, is a vow of separation from the world and devotedness to the service of religion or God.

The trademark of a Nazarite is usually the dreadlocks, they come with from birth; \*They are special.\*

Apart from Samson and Samuel, John the Baptist was also referred to as a Nazarite: their hair are kept away from razor and can only be cut after making certain sacrifices to God.

God had set aside John the Baptist, right from his mother's womb to be the forerunner of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Apparently, God has His own ways of speaking with His anointed ones, just like He sets them aside without other people knowing.

 \*"Hear my words: if there is a prophet among you, I the Lord make myself known to him in a vision and I speak with him in a dream".\*

Numbers 12:6:

God spoke to the young child: Jeremiah-

 \*"Before I formed thee in the belly, I knew thee and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations"\*

Jeremiah 1:5.

To this end, the anointed of God, \*enjoys divine protection.\*

\*Prov 18:10\*

However, the anointed of the Lord must totally abstain from sin, just like every other person.

Holiness and purity are main attributes of the anointed of God.

" \*For God did not call us to be impure, but to be holy"\*

1 Thess 4:7.

Samson's mother was warned against \*sin\*:

 \*"So be careful, you must not drink wine or any other alcoholic drinks or eat any forbidden food"\*

Judges 13:4.

Aptly puts:

 \*"Righteousness exalts a nation but sin is a reproach to any people"\*

Prov 14:34.

Immediately sin enters the life of an anointed of God, such person becomes \*vulnerable to the attack of the enemy.\*

 \*"I will go out as before and shake myself free, but he did not know the Lord had left him".\*

Judges 16:20.

Fellow believers, many people are calling the name of God but they are not of God.

Consistently, they use the title :the anointed one of God; but they are wolves in sheep clothing.

Our Lord Jesus said:

 \*"I will profess to them, I never knew you, depart from me, you workers of iniquity"\*

Matthew 7:23.

God is not a respecter of persons; He is not bound to continue to be a \*shield\* to an erring servant or to be a cover for a false prophet.

 \*"I also will laugh at your calamity, I will mock when your fear comes"\*

Prov 1:26.

Saul: \*a once upon a time\* Lord's anointed finally became \*prey\* to the enemy because of sin of envy & disobedience to the word of God.

 \*LESSON\*: The presence of God does not dwell in a \*vessel\* who swims in the "pool" of envy & disobedience.

However:

\*"At least, there is hope for a tree, when it is cut down; it will sprout again and it's branches shall not die".\*

Job 14:7.

The bible records that Samson killed more people during his death than he did in his life time.

\*Judges 16:30\*

 \*"Rejoice not over me,O my enemy; when I fall,I shall rise; when I sit in darkness the Lord shall be a light to me".\*

Micah 7:8.

 \*Samson's hair grew again\*; after it was shaven.

\*Judges 16:22\*

 \*I pray for you:\* Whatever you might have done in the past that has made the presence of God to leave you; The \*mercy of God\* , will show up for you in Jesus name.🙏🏼

In conclusion, no one can touch the \*true\* anointed of God.

No power from the pit of hell or schemes of the enemy can stop or attack a true anointed one of God; he is: \*"unstoppable & untouchable"\*.

" \*The anointed one is though persecuted, but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed".\*

2 Cor 4:9.

God knows His anointed one and likewise the anointed one knows himself; because it is \*between him and God\*.

This message is specifically for all believers; especially those hiding behind the veil of the \*"anointed".\*

 \*"No one takes this honour on himself ,but he that is Called by God.."\*

Hebrews 5:4.

However,are you still/really the anointed of God? or have you gone the way of Demas?

\*"Demas has deserted me because he loves the things of this life.."\*

1 Tim 4:10

 \*You can only fool the people, you cannot fool God.\*

 \*GOD sees everything;\*

 \*"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked,for whatever a man sows, that will he reap"\*

Gal 6:7.

 \*Repent now!\* For \*HE\* comes soon.

\*JESUS Reigns\*

Signed, Bro Cole