
THE SEPARATOR

EXODUS 30:22-33



How many diets have you tried in your life? Yes, me too. It's such a struggle isn't it? In fact, I think it's even harder today than it used to be. Diets used to mean separating from sugar and carbs. But now diets also mean buying and eating healthy food, or 'clean' food as it's often called. I find separating from sugar and carbs hard, but it's almost impossible to eat Tofu

The struggle for holiness has the same two challenges. We are to separate from unholy sin but also separate to holy service. The good news, as we'll see in Exodus 30:22-33, is that God has provided a Separator. Let's see how God's Separator can cut us off from sin and secure us in his service.

LEARNING

THE SEPARATOR IS VALUABLE (23-24)

After washing at the metal basin, the priests were anointed with a lot of expensive oil. Why? It was to remind them of their need for the Holy Spirit. For example, when **Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed David in the midst of his brothers...the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward** (1 Sam 16:13). David was separated from sin and to service by the precious oil and by the even more precious Spirit.

CHANEL PERFUME IS VALUABLE, BUT
THE HOLY SPIRIT IS INVALUABLE.

What does the Separator do?

THE SEPARATOR IS EFFECTIVE (25-30)

This oil was holy and made holy. It was a holy anointing oil that was used to anoint both the priests and the tabernacle furniture and utensils (29). The oil was holy and made holy whatever it touched. Picturing the Holy Spirit, it effectively separated whatever it touched to God.

WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT TOUCHES US,
WE WON'T TOUCH SIN.

How long did this anointing last?

THE SEPARATOR IS FOREVER (31-33)

The oil separated from sin and to God forever. **And you shall say to the people of Israel, 'This shall be my holy anointing oil throughout your generations' (31).** Like the anointing oil, the Holy Spirit was a permanent separator.

WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES,
HE NEVER LEAVES.

LOVING

In the Old Testament, the anointing oil was valuable, effective, and forever. It helped the priests separate from sin and to service. It was a picture prophecy of the Holy Spirit that would come in fulness on Christ and Christians.

'Christ' actually means 'anointed' or 'separated.' Christ was separated from sin and to service as he made clear in his first public sermon. **"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor"** (Luke 4:18-19). The Apostle Peter said that **God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him** (Acts 10:38). Praise God for separating Jesus from sin and to God's service with the valuable, effective, and forever anointing of the Spirit.

The name 'Christian' means 'anointed one' and instructs us that the Christian is also anointed by the Holy Spirit, and therefore also separated from sin and to service (1 John 2:20). How valuable, effective, and permanent the Separator is!

LIVING

Ask God for his valuable, effective, and forever Spirit of anointing to separate you from sin to service.
