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- The Bible often uses the Hebrew *sukh* and the Greek *a-lei'pho* for the commonplace greasing, or rubbing on of oil.
- Dainty bread I did not eat, and no flesh or wine entered into my mouth, and in no way did I **grease** myself until the completing of the three full weeks. (**Daniel 10:3**)
- And you must wash and **rub yourself with oil** and put your mantles upon you and go down to the threshing floor. Do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. (**Ruth 3:3**)
- It was, in fact, the Mary that **greased** the Lord with perfumed oil and wiped his feet dry with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. (**John 11:2**)
- But for a special anointing with oil, it generally uses the Hebrew word *ma-shach'*, from which the word *ma-shi'ach* or Messiah comes, and the Greek word *khri'o*, from which comes *khri-stos'* or Christ.
- And you will **anoint** Aaron and his sons, and you must sanctify them for acting as priests to me. (**Exodus 30:30**)
- And the priest, the **anointed** one, must take some of the bull's blood and bring it into the tent of meeting. (**Leviticus 4:5**) Footnote
- Yehowah's spirit is upon me, because he **anointed** me to declare Good News to the poor, he sent me forth to preach a release to the captives and a recovery of sight to the blind, to send the crushed one's away with a release. (**Luke 4:18**)
- The kings of the earth took their stand and the rulers massed together as one against Yehowah and against his **anointed** one. (**Acts of Apostles 4:26**)

- This distinction is maintained quite consistently both in the Hebrew and in the Greek. Some versions of the Bible do not maintain this fine distinction but translate all such words by the one term **anoint**.

· Rubbing Or Greasing With Oil

- In the lands of the Middle East it was a common practice to **rub oil on the body**, and among other things, this helped to protect the exposed portions from the **intense rays of the sun**. The **oil also helped to keep the skin supple**. **Olive oil** was generally used, and often perfume was added to it. The customary practice was to **apply the oil after bathing**.

- And you **must wash and rub yourself with oil** and put your mantles upon you and go down to the threshing floor. Do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. (**Ruth 3:3**)

- Then David got up from the earth and **washed and rubbed himself with oil** and changed his mantles and came to the house of Yehowah and prostrated himself, after which he came into his own house and asked, and they promptly set bread before him and he began to eat. (**2 Samuel 12:20**)

- Esther underwent a course of massage treatment for six months with **oil of myrrh and for six months with oil of balsam** before being presented to King Ahasuerus.

- And when the turn of each young woman arrived to go in to King Ahasuerus after it had happened to her according to the women's regulation for twelve months, for that was the way the days of their massage procedure were gradually fulfilled, **six months with oil of myrrh and six months with balsam oil** and with the massages of the women. (**Esther 2:12**)

- **Oil was also rubbed on the body in preparing a person for burial.**

- She did what she could, she undertook beforehand to put **perfumed oil on my body in view of the burial**. (**Mark 14:8**)

- And they went back to **prepare spices and perfumed oils**. But, of course, they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment. (**Luke 23:56**)

- When Jesus sent the 12 apostles out by twos, they **greased with oil many whom they healed**. The **healing of the ailment was due to, not the oil itself, but the miraculous operation of God's Holy Spirit**. Oil, which did have some healing and refreshing properties, was **symbolic of the healing and refreshing experienced**.

- And they would expel many demons and grease many sickly people with oil and cure them. (**Mark 6:13**)

- Then he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all the demons and to **cure sicknesses**. (**Luke 9:1**)

- So he approached him and bound up his wounds, **pouring oil and wine upon them**. Then he mounted him upon his own beast and brought him to an inn and took care of him. (**Luke 10:34**)

•• **Greasing The Head With Oil Was A Sign Of Favor**

- You arrange before me a table in front of those showing hostility to me. With **oil you have greased my head, my cup is well filled**. (**Psalms 23:5**)

- The headmen of Ephraim took favorable action toward the captured Judean soldiers **by greasing them** and returning them to Jericho, as advised by the prophet Oded.

- Then the men that were designated by their names rose up and took hold of the captives, and all their naked one's they clothed from the spoil. So they clothed them and furnished them with sandals and fed them and gave them drink and **greased** them. Furthermore, in the case of anyone tottering, they gave them transportation on the asses and brought them to Jericho, the city of palm trees, beside their brothers. After that they returned to Samaria. (**2 Chronicles 28:15**)

- Yehowah spoke of bringing **about a lack of oil for rubbing as a sign of his displeasure**.

- You will come to have olive trees in all your territory, but you **will rub yourself with no oil**, because your olives will drop off. (**Deuteronomy 28:40**)

- **To refrain from rubbing one's body with oil** was regarded as a **sign of mourning**.
- Accordingly Joab sent to Tekoa and took from there a wise woman and said to her; Go in mourning, please, and dress yourself, please, with garments of mourning, and **do not rub yourself with oil**, and you must become like a woman here who has been **mourning many days over someone dead**. (2 Samuel 14:2)
- In those days I myself, Daniel, happened to be **mourning for three full weeks**. (Daniel 10:2)
- Dainty bread I did not eat, and no flesh or wine entered into my mouth, and **in no way did I grease myself** until the completing of the three full weeks. (Daniel 10:3)
- **To grease the head of a guest with oil** was regarded as an **act of hospitality and courtesy**, as is indicated by Jesus words regarding a woman who **greased his feet with perfumed oil**.
- And, taking a position behind at his feet, she wept and started to wet his feet with her tears and she would wipe them off with the hair of her head. Also, she tenderly kissed his feet and **greased them with the perfumed oil**. (Luke 7:38)
- You did not grease my head with oil, but this woman greased my feet with perfumed oil. (Luke 7:46)
- Jesus told his disciples to **grease their heads and wash their faces** when fasting in order to appear normal, not making a show of sanctimoniousness and self-denial as the hypocritical Jewish religious leaders did to impress others.
- When you are fasting, stop becoming sad-faced like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Truly I say to you, they are having their reward in full. (Matthew 6:16)
- But you, when fasting, **grease your head** and wash your face. (Matthew 6:17)
- James speaks of a spiritual **greasing with oil** in the name of Yehowah for spiritually sick one's as the **proper procedure for one**

needing spiritual help. That he refers to **spiritual sickness** is indicated by his statements; Let him call the older men of the congregation, not doctors, and, **if he has committed sins, it will be forgiven him.**

- Is there anyone suffering evil among you? Let him carry on prayer. Is there anyone in good spirits? Let him sing psalms. **(James 5:13)**
- Is there anyone **sick among you?** Let him call the older men of the congregation to him, and let them pray over him, **greasing him with oil in the name of Yehowah.** **(James 5:14)**
- And the prayer of faith will make the indisposed one well, and Yehowah will raise him up. Also, **if he has committed sins, it will be forgiven him.** **(James 5:15)**
- Therefore openly confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may get healed. A righteous man's supplication, when it is at work, has much force. **(James 5:16)**
- Jesus makes a spiritual application of the practice when he tells the Laodicean congregation to buy from me eyesalve to rub in your eyes that you may see.
- I advise you to buy from me gold refined by fire that you may become rich, and white outer garments that you may become dressed and that the shame of your nakedness may not become manifested, and **eyesalve to rub in your eyes** that you may see. **(Revelation 3:18)**

•• Anointing

- When a person was **anointed** with oil, the oil was put on his head and allowed to run down on his beard and onto the collar of his garments.
- It is like the **good oil upon the head, that is running down upon the beard,** Aaron's beard, that is running down to the collar of his garments. **(Psalms 133:2)**
- During the times of Biblical history, both the Hebrews and some of the non-Hebrews ceremonially **anointed** rulers. This constituted the **confirmation of their official appointment to office.**

- Once upon a time the trees went to **anoint a king over them**. So they said to the olive tree; Do be king over us. (**Judges 9:8**)
- At this the bramble said to the trees; If it is in truth that you are **anointing me as king** over you, come, seek refuge under my shadow. But if not, let fire come out of the bramble and consume the cedars of Lebanon. (**Judges 9:15**)
- Tomorrow about this time I shall send to you a man from the land of Benjamin, and **you must anoint him as leader over my people Israel**, and he must save my people from the hand of the Philistines, because I have seen the affliction of my people, for their outcry has come to me. (**1 Samuel 9:16**)
- As for Absalom, whom **we anointed over us**, he has died in the battle. So now why are you doing nothing to bring the king back? (**2 Samuel 19:10**)
- Samuel **anointed** Saul as king after God had designated Saul as his choice.
- Samuel then took the flask of oil and poured it out upon his head and kissed him and said; Is it not because Yehowah has **anointed** you as a leader over his inheritance? (**1 Samuel 10:1**)
- David was **anointed** as king on three different occasions, once by Samuel, later by the men of Judah, and finally by all the tribes.
- Accordingly Samuel took the **horn of oil and anointed** him in the midst of his brothers. And **the spirit of Yehowah began to be operative upon David from that day forward**. Later Samuel rose and went his way to Ramah. (**1 Samuel 16:13**)
- Then the **men of Judah came and anointed David** there as king over the house of Judah. And they came telling David, saying, The men of Jabesh-gilead were the ones that buried Saul. (**2 Samuel 2:4**)
- So all the older men of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David concluded a covenant with them in Hebron before Yehowah, **after which they anointed David as king over Israel**. (**2 Samuel 5:3**)

- Aaron was **anointed** after his **appointment to the office of High Priest**.
- Finally he poured some of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head and **anointed** him so as to sanctify him. (**Leviticus 8:12**)
- Afterward, Aaron and his sons had **some of the anointing oil** along with the blood of the sacrifices spattered upon their garments, but **Aaron was the only one who had the oil poured over his head**.
- After that Moses took **some of the anointing oil** and some of the blood that was upon the altar and spattered it upon Aaron and his garments and upon his sons and the garments of his sons with him. Thus he **sanctified Aaron and his garments** and his sons and the garments of his sons with him. (**Leviticus 8:30**)
- Things **dedicated as sacred were also anointed**. Jacob took the stone on which he rested his head when he had an inspired dream, set it up as a pillar, **and anointed it**, thus marking that place as sacred, and he called the place Bethel, meaning House of God.
- So Jacob got up early in the morning and took the stone that was there as his head supporter and he set it up as a pillar and **poured oil on the top of it**. (**Genesis 28:18**)
- Further, he called the name of that place Bethel, but the fact is, Luz was the city's name formerly. (**Genesis 28:19**)
- A short time later Yehowah acknowledged that this stone had been **anointed**.
- I am the true God of Bethel, where you **anointed a pillar** and where you **vowed a vow to me**. Now get up, go out of this land and return to the land of your birth. (**Genesis 31:13**)
- In the wilderness of Sinai, at Yehowah's command, Moses **anointed** the tabernacle and its furnishings, **indicating that they were dedicated, holy things**.
- And you must anoint with it the tent of meeting and the ark of the testimony. (**Exodus 30:26**)
- And the table and all its utensils and the lampstand and its utensils and the altar of incense. (**Exodus 30:27**)

- And the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils and the basin and its stand. (**Exodus 30:28**)
- There are instances in which a person was regarded as being **anointed** because of being **appointed by God**, even though **no oil** was put on his head. This principle was demonstrated when Yehowah told Elijah to **anoint Hazael** as king over Syria, **Jehu as king over Israel**, and **Elisha as prophet in place of himself**.
- Yehowah now said to him; Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus, and you must come in and **anoint Hazael as king over Syria**. (**1 Kings 19:15**)
- And Jehu the grandson of Nimshi you should **anoint as king over Israel**, and Elisha the son of Shaphat from Abel-meholah you should **anoint as prophet in place of you**. (**1 Kings 19:16**)
- The Scriptural record goes on to show that one of the sons of the prophets associated with Elisha did **anoint Jehu with literal oil**, to be king over Israel.
- And Elisha the prophet, for his part, called one of the sons of the prophets and then said to him; Gird up your loins and take this **flask of oil in your hand** and go to Ramoth-gilead. (**2 Kings 9:1**)
- When you have come in there, see Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi there, and you must come in and make him get up from the midst of his brothers and bring him into the innermost chamber. (**2 Kings 9:2**)
- And you must take the **flask of oil and pour it out upon his head and say**; This is what Yehowah has said; I do **anoint** you as king over Israel. And you must open the door and flee and not wait. (**2 Kings 9:3**)
- And the attendant, the prophets attendant, got on his way to Ramoth-gilead. (**2 Kings 9:4**)
- When he came in, why, there the chiefs of the military force were seated. He now said; There is a word I have for you, O chief. At this Jehu said; For which one of all of us? Then he said; For you, O chief. (**2 Kings 9:5**)

- So he got up and came into the house, and he proceeded to pour the oil out upon his head and say to him; This is what Yehowah the God of Israel has said; **I do anoint you as king over Yehowah's people**, that is, over Israel. (**2 Kings 9:6**)
- But there is **no record** that anyone **anointed** with oil either Hazael or Elisha. Moses was called a Christ, or **Anointed One**, although not anointed with oil, because Moses was appointed by Yehowah to be his prophet and representative, the leader and deliverer of Israel.
- By faith Moses, when grown up, refused to be called the son of the daughter of Pharaoh. (**Hebrews 11:24**)
- **Choosing to be ill-treated with the people of God** rather than to have the temporary enjoyment of sin. (**Hebrews 11:25**)
- Because he **esteemed the reproach of the Christ as riches** greater than the treasures of Egypt, for he looked intently toward the payment of the reward. (**Hebrews 11:26**)
- Another case in point is the Persian king Cyrus, whom Isaiah had foretold that Yehowah would use as His **anointed**.
- This is what Yehowah has said to his **anointed** one, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have taken hold of, to subdue before him nations, so that I may ungird even the hips of kings, to open before him the two-leaved doors, so that even the gates will not be shut. (**Isaiah 45:1**)
- Cyrus was not actually **anointed** with oil by one of Yehowah's representatives, but because he was appointed by Yehowah to do a certain work, he could be said to be **anointed**.
- In the Law Yehowah gave to Moses, he prescribed a formula for the **anointing** oil. It was of a special composition of the choicest ingredients, myrrh, sweet cinnamon, sweet calamus, cassia, and olive oil.
- And Yehowah continued to speak to Moses, saying; (**Exodus 30:22**)
- As for you, take to yourself the choicest perfumes, myrrh in congealed drops five hundred units, and sweet cinnamon in half that amount, two hundred and fifty units, and sweet calamus two

hundred and fifty units. (**Exodus 30:23**)

- And cassia five hundred units by the shekel of the holy place, and olive oil a hin. (**Exodus 30:24**)
- Then you must make out of it a holy **anointing** oil, an ointment, a mixture that is the work of an ointment maker. It is to be a holy **anointing** oil. (**Exodus 30:25**)
- **It was a capital offense for anyone to compound this mixture and to use it for any common or unauthorized purpose.**
- And you will speak to the sons of Israel, saying; This is to continue as a **holy anointing oil** to me during your generations. (**Exodus 30:31**)
- It is not to be rubbed in the flesh of mankind, and with its composition you must not make any like it. It is something holy. It is to continue as something holy for you. (**Exodus 30:32**)
- Anyone who makes an ointment like it and who puts some of it upon a stranger must be cut off from his people. (**Exodus 30:33**)
- **This figuratively demonstrated the importance and sacredness of an appointment to office that had been confirmed by anointing with sacred oil.**
- **Fulfilling many prophecies in the Hebrew Scriptures, Jesus of Nazareth proved to be the Anointed One of Yehowah and could properly be called Messiah, or Christ, which titles convey that thought.**
- Jacob became father to Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called **Christ**. (**Matthew 1:16**)
- But with reference to the Son: **God is your throne forever and ever**, and the scepter of your kingdom is the scepter of uprightness. (**Hebrews 1:8**)
- You loved righteousness, and you hated lawlessness. That is why God, your God, **anointed you with the oil of exultation more than your partners**. (**Hebrews 1:9**)
- **Instead of being anointed with literal oil, he was anointed with Yehowah's spirit.**

- After being baptized Jesus immediately came up from the water, and, look! The heavens were opened up, and he saw **descending like a dove God's spirit coming upon him.** (**Matthew 3:16**)
- This was **Yehowah's appointment of him as King, Prophet, and High Priest,** and so he was referred to as **Yehowah's Anointed.**
- The kings of earth take their stand and high officials themselves have massed together as one **against Yehowah and against his anointed one.** (**Psalms 2:2**)
- And that he may send forth the **Christ appointed for you, Jesus.** (**Acts of Apostles 3:20**)
- Whom heaven, indeed, must hold within itself until the times of restoration of all things of which God spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets of old time. (**Acts of Apostles 3:21**)
- In fact, Moses said; Yehowah God will raise up for you from among your brothers a prophet like me. You must listen to him according to all the things he speaks to you. (**Acts of Apostles 3:22**)
- Indeed, any soul that does not listen to that Prophet will be completely destroyed from among the people. (**Acts of Apostles 3:23**)
- And all the prophets, in fact, from Samuel on and those in succession, just as many as have spoken, have also plainly declared these days. (**Acts of Apostles 3:24**)
- You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant which God covenanted with your forefathers, saying to Abraham; **And in your seed all the families of the earth will be blessed.** (**Acts of Apostles 3:25**)
- To you first God, **after raising up his Servant,** sent him forth to bless you by turning each one away from your wicked deeds. (**Acts of Apostles 3:26**)
- The kings of the earth took their stand and the rulers massed together as one **against Yehowah and against his anointed one.** (**Acts of Apostles 4:26**)

- Even so, both Herod and Pontius Pilate with men of nations and with peoples of Israel were in actuality gathered together in this city **against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed.** (Acts of Apostles 4:27)
- So too the Christ did not glorify himself by becoming a High Priest, but was glorified by him who spoke with reference to him: You are my son. I, today, I have become your father. (Hebrews 5:5)
- Just as he says also in another place. You are a priest forever according to the manner of Melchizedek. (Hebrews 5:6)
- In his hometown of Nazareth, Jesus acknowledged this **anointing** when he applied to himself the prophecy of;
- The **spirit of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah is upon me**, for the reason that Yehowah has **anointed** me to tell Good News to the meek ones. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to those taken captive and the wide opening of the eyes even to the prisoners. (Isaiah 61:1)
- Where the phrase appears, **Yehowah has anointed me.**
- **Yehowah's spirit is upon me**, because he **anointed** me to declare Good News to the poor, he sent me forth to preach a release to the captives and a recovery of sight to the blind, to send the crushed one's away with a release. (Luke 4:18)
- Jesus Christ is the only one in the Scriptures who holds an **anointing to all three offices, prophet, High Priest, and king.** Jesus was **anointed with the oil of exultation more than his partners**, the other kings of the line of David. This was by reason of his receiving the **anointing directly from Yehowah himself, not with oil but with Holy Spirit**, not to an earthly kingship but to a heavenly one combined with the office of heavenly High Priest.
- You loved righteousness, and you hated lawlessness. That is why God, your God, **anointed you with the oil of exultation more than your partners.** (Hebrews 1:9)
- You have loved righteousness and you hate wickedness. That is why God, your God, has **anointed you with the oil of exultation**

more than your partners. (Psalms 45:7)

- Like Jesus, his footstep followers who have been **spirit begotten** and **anointed** with **Holy Spirit** can be spoken of as **anointed ones**.
- But he who guarantees that you and we belong to Christ and **he who has anointed us is God**. (2 Corinthians 1:21)
- Just as Aaron was directly **anointed** as head of the priesthood, but his sons did not have the oil poured on their heads individually, so Jesus was **anointed** directly by Yehowah, and his congregation of spiritual brothers received their **anointing** as a body of people through Jesus Christ.
- Now while the day of the festival of Pentecost was in progress they **were all together** at the same place. (Acts of Apostles 2:1)
- And suddenly there occurred from heaven **a noise just like that of a rushing stiff breeze**, and it filled the whole house in which they were sitting. (Acts of Apostles 2:2)
- And tongues as if of fire became visible to them and were distributed about, and one sat upon each one of them. (Acts of Apostles 2:3)
- And they all became filled with Holy Spirit and started to speak with different tongues, just as the spirit was granting them to make utterance. (Acts of Apostles 2:4)
- **This Jesus God resurrected**, of which fact we are all witnesses. (Acts of Apostles 2:32)
- Therefore because he was exalted to the right hand of God and **received the promised Holy Spirit** from the Father, he has **poured out this which you see and hear**. (Acts of Apostles 2:33)
- They have thereby received an **appointment from God to be kings and priests with Jesus Christ in the heavens**.
- Now he that produced us for this very thing is God, who gave us the token of what is to come, that is, **the spirit**. (2 Corinthians 5:5)
- But you also hoped in him after you heard the word of truth, the

Good News about your salvation. By means of him also, after you believed, you were **sealed with the promised Holy Spirit**. (Ephesians 1:13)

- **Which is a token in advance of our inheritance**, for the purpose of releasing by a ransom God's own possession, to his glorious praise. (Ephesians 1:14)
- Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for according to his great mercy he gave us **a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ** from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3)
- To an **incorruptible and undefiled and unfading inheritance**. It is reserved in the heavens for you. (1 Peter 1:4)
- **Happy and holy is anyone having part in the first resurrection**, over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of the Christ, and will rule as kings with him for the thousand years. (Revelation 20:6)
- The apostle John indicated that the **anointing by Holy Spirit** that Christians receive teaches them.
- And as for you, the **anointing** that you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to be teaching you, but, **as the anointing from him is teaching you about all things**, and is true and is no lie, and just as it has taught you, remain in union with him. (1 John 2:27)
- It commissions and qualifies them for the Christian ministry of the New Covenant.
- Not that we of ourselves are adequately qualified to reckon anything as issuing from ourselves, but **our being adequately qualified issues from God**. (2 Corinthians 3:5)
- Who has indeed adequately qualified us to be ministers of a New Covenant, not of a written code, but of spirit, for the written code condemns to death, but the spirit makes alive. (2 Corinthians 3:6)
- Yehowah has **great love and concern for his anointed one's and watches over them carefully**.

- **Saying; Do not you men touch my **anointed** ones, and to my prophets do nothing bad. (1 Chronicles 16:22)**
- **The kings of earth take their stand and high officials themselves have massed together as one **against Yehowah and against his anointed one.** (Psalms 2:2)**
- **At that time he will speak to them in his anger and in his **hot displeasure he will disturb them.** (Psalms 2:5)**
- **Now I do know that **Yehowah certainly saves his anointed one.** He answers him from his holy heavens with the saving mighty acts of his right hand. (Psalms 20:6)**
- **Saying; Do not you men touch my **anointed** ones, and to my prophets do nothing bad. (Psalms 105:15)**
- **Certainly, then, shall not God cause justice to be done for his chosen one's who cry out to him day and night, even though he is long-suffering toward them? (Luke 18:7)**
- **David recognized that God was the one who chose and appointed His **anointed** one's and that it was God who would judge them. To raise one's hand to do harm to Yehowah's **anointed** one's or **any whom he appoints would bring Yehowah's displeasure.****
- **Hence he said to his men; It is unthinkable, on my part, from Yehowah's standpoint, **that I should do this thing to my lord, the anointed of Yehowah,** by thrusting out my hand against him, for **he is the anointed of Yehowah.** (1 Samuel 24:6)**
- **It is **unthinkable,** on my part, from Yehowah's standpoint, to **thrust my hand out against the anointed of Yehowah!** So now take, please, the spear that is at his head and the water jug, and let us get on our way. (1 Samuel 26:11)**
- **And Yehowah it is who will repay to each one his own righteousness and his own faithfulness, in that Yehowah today gave you into my hand, and **I was unwilling to thrust my hand out against the anointed of Yehowah.** (1 Samuel 26:23)**

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