

Anointed for the last hour

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“Little children it is the last hour: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time ... But ye have an unction (anointing) from the Holy One ... Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist ... But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you.” (1. John 2:18-27)

The church is being anointed for the last hour. The spirit of the age would be anti-Christ, or anti-anointed. The anointing of the Holy Spirit is a theme which threads its way through that first book of John. The apostle’s warnings concerning the last times have come home to us today. They strike us with almost frightening accuracy about our times. The spirit of anti-Christ permeates human thinking and society. This spirit is causing moral collapse. Hostile elements are raging worse and worse, like the early moments of a gathering storm. It is indeed the last hour.

God has His answer, however – the anointing for an anti-anointed latter day. He will never allow the devil to get the upper hand. The outpouring of the Spirit is His special provision for the last hour.

“It shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh ... before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come.” (Joel 2:28-31)

Christ’s whole body on earth will be mobilized and armed for the last onslaught of the enemy. The Devil will lose again. Satan is the eternal loser.

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This is the time of ripening for the final harvest. Both wheat and tares fill the field. Satan can see his opportunities are slipping away – it is now or never for him. So the greatest display of wickedness, lawlessness and

degradation is ahead. But believers have more to think about than mere survival. There are likely to be persecutions, and no doubt blood will flow. Our thoughts, however, are on triumph and conquest for Jesus. The build-up of enemy forces is being more than matched by an ever-increasing measure of the Holy Spirit. *“When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.” (Isaiah 59:19)*

The greatest outpouring, the greatest anointing of God’s power ever known, is coming upon us. Past revivals will seem as nothing when Pentecost breaks upon the entire church. We get glimpses of it already – the battle of the anointed against the anti-anointed.

We now know what it means in Revelation 12:11:

“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto death.”

That showdown is fully described in Revelation 12:9-10: *“And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down.”*

Bible prophecies like these are not alterable. They are history written in advance. When the devil is out to trouble the world, God will trouble the Devil. God will do what He said He would, even to the dot on the last ‘i’.

Hallelujah! We rejoice. We know. The future is settled beforehand, and the last hour is determined, with its very glorious conclusion. And this is the period we now are entering into!

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