

Fresh Oil



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Dear Fellow Servants,

What kind of expectations do you have coming into this Christmas season? Is it something that you have even thought about? Have you been so busy that the season has kind of snuck up on you and now you're just going to try to 'go with the flow'? Let me give you something to think about. What if God was up to something this year, you know, more than other years? What if He was planning to do something... *suddenly*? After all, that is how He did it the first time around, didn't He? Look at Luke 2:13-14:

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!'"

The startled shepherds were already surprised by the appearance of one angel, but God was up to more. Suddenly there appeared a whole lot more, a multitude, in fact. When something happens suddenly it means that it happens without warning. The Merriam-Webster Dictionary says this about 'suddenly': "happening or coming unexpectedly; marked by or manifesting abruptness or haste; made or brought about in a short time." In other words, unless you were already prepared, a sudden event is something that would catch you unawares.

Okay, so back to the question I posed at the beginning of this teaching. What kind of expectations do you have coming into this Christmas season? I am not talking about which parties to attend, what gifts to buy, or who in your family will make it to the big turkey dinner. I am talking about spiritual expectations here. Could it be that someone whose salvation you have stood in faith for over this past year (or several years) will suddenly show up to a service this December seeking how to be saved? Maybe a family member got a bad health prognosis in the last 6 months and a breakthrough is right on the horizon. What is it you need right now for God to do 'suddenly' in order for things to turn around?

I want you to do some praying and seeking the Lord these next few weeks leading up to Christmas. Put your faith out there and begin to expect God to move on your behalf. This could be your best Christmas ever!

Your fellow servant,

Pastor Brian

... I have been anointed with fresh oil

PSALM 92:10

