

# Losing the Anointing - Part 2 (High Quality)

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*David Wilkerson emphasizes the urgent need for a fresh anointing and intimacy with Christ to effectively minister in today's challenging world.*

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**Scripture:** 2 Chronicles 7:14, Nehemiah 1:4, Psalm 27:8, Isaiah 55:6, Daniel 10:12, Matthew 7:7, Acts 3:19, Hebrews 11:6, James 4:8, Revelation 3:20

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## Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of seeking a fresh anointing from God, recounting personal experiences of revival and the need for a renewed passion for ministry. The speaker shares about the challenges faced in ministry, the call to intimacy with Christ, and the necessity of perseverance and seeking God's face for a new anointing to fulfill one's purpose.

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## Transcript

Healed my ministry, healed my soul, and the anointing came back. Now that's been over 25 years and 20 years ago. I got this desperation again.

You know when the Holy Spirit's about to move on you and call you to a special anointing, he'll stir your nest. Some of you have been stirred, having your nest stirred even this week. But I went back to the streets of New York and began to preach and I was there for the summer and we were staying in a hotel and the Holy Spirit began to speak to me and said, I was so shocked when I got back to New York City how degenerated it had become in the time I was gone.

How wicked. They were on 42nd Street selling heroin, a new kind of heroin, far stronger than anything. And at that time Len Bias, a basketball player, had died of an overdose of heroin.

And they were advertising heroin like this, hey, I've got this stuff that killed Len Bias. Now death was the ultimate high. You take this, it'll kill you.

It was the ultimate high and I broke down and I remember on 42nd Street and Broadway, I began to just weep, broken before the Lord. Now folks, the Lord had given me back my anointing and I knew he was working in a very special way, but he was stirring my heart. I think that all true ministry comes out of intimacy.

I say it again, all true ministry, knowing it comes out of intimacy with Christ. But I said, God, will you raise up a church here? I'll help finance it. I'll preach in it.

I even called that next week, my friend Jim Simbla at Brooklyn Tabernacle. I said, Jim, I want to see you. We started walking the streets.

I told him about what God was speaking to our heart and we went to 14th Street and I said, there's a nice theater there. Maybe that's it. I said, Jim, do you want to take this on and help support? He said, I've got my hands full.

And I prayed, God, raise something up here, right in Times Square as a witness. Lord said, you do it. You know the city.

I went back to Texas and I got on my knees and said, Lord, the forces of hell have never been stronger than they are in New York City right now. You asked me to raise up a church in Times Square. I said, I'm going to need a special anointing.

And I remember again saying, God, do it once again in my heart. I need a greater anointing than I had when I began when I was a young man. I need much greater anointing now.

I need something I've never touched before. I need you to break me again. I need you to do something.

You say, well, I know men that have lived all that, have never had to go through what you're going through, Brother Day. But sometimes God takes a man and makes a laboratory out of him and makes him a laboratory and allows him to go through these tests where the fire is so strong and going through things that so many people go through so that we can stand and the victories we've won share with you and do what I'm doing tonight. I would much rather just preach a sermon to you.

This is a very humbling thing to do. I went home and I spent the next three to five months on my face. Back because the Lord said, you know the cost.

You know what it's going to take. Seek in my face. Ezra set his heart to seek the face of God.

Nehemiah, he hears a destruction happened in Jerusalem. And the Bible says he was overcome with grief and he set his heart to seek God. He set his heart.

You'll find it all through the Old Testament. He set his heart. The church is there.

And my dear pastor here tonight has been called to carry on that burden. And this man is anointed and pastor. Condon is an anointed man.

You're seeing and hearing the anointing of the Holy Spirit. And I thank God for that. But you see, I'm 75 years old now.

I still have a heart for Times Square Church, but I just came from Africa and Nairobi. And I spend time in one of the biggest slums in the world outside of Nairobi. A million, two hundred thousand people in a slum.

No water, no electricity and open sewage everywhere. And I was in the hovels in the little tin shacks with mothers, the five children sitting on the floor, water pouring on both sides. And she's collecting little sugar packs that people, the restaurants throw away on the dump, the nearby dump.

And she's breaking those down in dirty water, serving her children sugar water. Five children look like little doggies, skinny and frail. And then I stand out, said, God, one more time.

Once again, I have to have an anointing. I don't want what you gave me when I was 20 to 30 years of age. I don't want what you gave me 20 years ago.

Thank you for that. But I'm moving on and I can't do it unless you give me a special compassion, unless you come and touch me once again. And the Lord spoke to my heart again.

He said, you know the cost, David. You know it because you're going to make up a mind when you get in your 50s or 60s where you're just going to retire. And you're going to take it easy.

See, God can't allow anybody to retire anymore from the ministry. If you've ever been touched, you've ever been anointed of God, you don't have time. You've got to say, God, use me.

I don't care. I don't care where you send me. I don't care where you want me to go.

But I'm not going out with my spirit drained. I'm not going out a dry stick. I want the anointing.

I want the touch of God. I'm speaking to everybody, but the pastors in particular, I speak from my heart. And I'm going to tell you, if you believe these are the last days, folks, have you not seen prophecy fulfilled in the last few years? It's going lightning speed.

You hear secular world screaming that the time is up and we preach it. I've prophesied it and with prophecies are everywhere. Here is 700 Club, our dear brother, saying this next year, you've got Amma Jeterdad saying that it's within two years, that the Mahdi is coming within two years and he can't come till there's total chaos.

And so he has built in Tehran a huge four lane pavement so that the Mahdi can drive on it. And he said it's coming within two years and he's speaking for all of the leadership of the Muslim. I told as he's speaking, they said they believe that there's two years left.

You have prophecies coming from all over the world. Now, Jesus is that our time is up. The secularists are saying the same thing.

Al Gore says we've got just a few years. If I believe that and I'm sitting watching an R rated movie. I believe that.

And yet I carry grudges, a vengeful spirit, can't lay down the hurt. Let me tell you what the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart about tonight. And I prayed and been fasting days for that I would have at least something to bring you.

I said, what's the word you want me to bring? What's the one word would sum up what you want to say tonight through me? And he said, discouragement. Discouragement. I said, Lord, how do I explain that? And I just give it to you as the Holy Spirit has given it to me.

Discouragement about finances. There are a number of you here have that burden of finances. And you seem to be going deeper and deeper and holds but a spirit of discouragement upon you.

Some are going through marriage problems. It's one thing to come to a meeting, be able to raise your hands and hide what you're going through. But God sees that burden.

He sees that terror, that feeling that something's not right. Others are fighting a besetting sin and you're discouraged because you can't seem to get the victory. I'm not even going to go into the matter of pornography.

I had a lot to say that the Lord said, no, don't go there. Because the simple fact is that if you're into that, God is very patient, loving. He's probably spoken to you a thousand times already.

The time will come when God says, all right, I need you and I love you. But I'm going to take your anointing. You're not going to have anything to say to anybody.

You're going to be dry. You're going into the desert. I'll love you.

I'll keep you. But you can't go with me and I won't go with you. It comes down to that.

But that's where the discouragement comes from, fighting that battle. And God wants you to get a victory tonight because he needs you. God can't spare one now.

He can't spare one of his soldiers. He can't spare me. He can't spare you.

Unfulfilled expectations. Something you prayed about, something you thought God told you and it still hasn't come to pass. Somebody you prayed for, maybe a child, someone else.

But please don't tell me that you want your child saved and you don't pray. You don't agonize for it. I had a woman come to Pines Square Church backstage and said, will you please pray for my son, drug addict in prison? I said, honey, how much time have you been spending praying the last two weeks? And she says, well, I work.

I'm too busy. I said, I'm sorry. I can't pray for you until you join, until you, I have nothing to agree with you for.

We're not serious about it. I've heard about revival for years and years. Brother Ravenhill worked with me for five years on my staff and he died a broken heart.

Because he wrote Revival Terry's and heard it for 50 years. And in his last hours, he was so wounded at the lightness of the pulpit. Some of the preachers, he called them light men.

There was no heaviness. There was no weightiness. It was all lightness.

It was foolishness. Now, I've waited and heard talk about revival for years. But I finally don't want to hear much about it anymore because we really don't want to pay the price.

We really don't want to pay the price. I want to take you before I close to Daniel, the 10th chapter, please. I didn't start with scripture.

That may have made some of you wonder. But I'm closing with scripture. The 10th chapter of Daniel.

Let's begin. Go to chapter 9 first. Verse 3. Here it is again.

I set my face unto the Lord God to seek by prayer and supplication with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. And I prayed unto the Lord my God and I made confession. I said, O Lord, the great dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him and to them that keep his commandments.

Now, skip over to verse chapter 10, starting at verse 2. In those days, I, Daniel, was mourning three weeks. See, this man has just been in the Word and he's read Jeremiah. And he knows that there's redemption coming.

And he knows that world powers are going to be shaken. And so, he sets his face. And that's what I'm speaking of the Holy Spirit in the power and the Holy Spirit.

I'm saying to you, there has to come a time. And I pray it would be tonight. And it's not just being moved by something you hear.

It's by a determination. It's the setting of the mind and saying, I hear you, Lord. That's what I want.

And you set your mind. You set your heart. Now, by an act of faith, by hearing the Word of God and laying hold of it, God, I hear you.

I know that you've been stirring my heart. I know I have some issues and I want to deal with them. I want to walk with you.

But I want an anointing. I want my people to know when I stand in the pulpit again that something has touched my life. There's a change in me.

And dead churches are because of dead pastors, folks. It boils down to that. And if your church is dead and God lavishes you and you get that fresh anointing of the Lord, God will either wake them up or move you to a place that's fruitful.

He will open doors for you. But God does miracles when you begin to seek his face and get back to the simplicity of this, and you devour this Word of God and you stay there. You turn everything down.

Because I know when I sought the anointing, was willing to pay the price, I did more in three hours of business than I used to do a half a day. God will take care of that. But here's Daniel now, and he said, I ate no present bread.

And you're going to do fasting, friends. This won't happen until God sees something in you and me of determination to God. I want this.

I will not let you go until you anoint me again. Some of you have known the anointing. Some of you were on fire for God.

Some of you prayed, and you fasted, and you were close to the heart of God, and you spoke the Word of God with something of fire and anointing, and everybody knew it, and you knew it. And something happened. I'm speaking to sisters as well.

I ate no present bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all until three whole weeks had been fulfilled. Verse 10, verse 9, well, verse 5, I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man clothed in linen. You see, he began to seek God, and his eyes became open.

He began to see Christ. I believe he saw Jesus himself. His body was like burl in his face, the appearance of lightning, his eyes as lamps of fire, his arms and his feet in colored, polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

And listen to this now. And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, and the men that were with me saw not the vision, but a great quaking fell on them, so that they fled and hid themselves. Why does God move on one man? Now, Daniel would not be walking with evil men, so these had to be good men that were walking with him.

And why is it that only one man hears it? Why is it that those others run and hide? Because the anointing is a very scary thing. The anointing will put to shame and send fear to those who know that's what they need, what they have missed. And it frightens them to hide.

Folks, God doesn't want to pass you by in this hour. I'm not going to let him pass me by. He said, I won't pass you by.

But he said, you're going to see my face. Therefore, I was left alone, and I saw this great vision. There remained no strength in me.

My calmness was turned into corruption. I retained no strength. Will you skip down now, or go to 10, verse 10? And behold, a hand touched me.

There's the touch of God. Oh, God, which set me upon my knees, upon the palms of my hand. And he said unto me, Dan, you great beloved, understand the words that I speak to you now, and stand upright.

For unto thee I am now sent. When he had spoken the words unto me, I stood trembling. Listen to this.

Then said he unto me, fear not, Daniel. For from the first day, what? You did set your heart to understand and chasten yourself before thy God. Thy words were heard, and I've come for thy words.

The day he set your heart. I think what is burning in my heart and closing is that of all the conferences God could visit here in the United States, I don't think you would have come to Pastor Clint Denon's meetings if you didn't have a heart toward God, if you didn't have a heart for holiness. You wouldn't be here.

You would be in some easy conference. And in the meetings ahead, God's going to speak so clearly to you. But you see, for a few, this is the last call.

I say it in the spirit and with love. And he's saying, I have wooed you so many times this time. I say to you in great love from the Lord and from his heart, if you pay the price, I'll open doors for you.

I'll speak through you, and I'll use you again like you would have never conceived. This has not just for the ministry, but those of you that are in the congregation. You're not a pastor, you're not in the ministry, but God's speaking to you.

Sister, you may be the one that God's calling to bring your husband back, your preacher's wife. You know your husband. You know if the anointing's there.

So many letters I get from all over the country, and we get 25,000, 30,000 letters a month. And by the hundreds, you pray for my husband. He's a pastor, and something's happening.

And I don't want, it isn't, I'm scared. God speak to you also. Pastor Clendenin, I'm doing what God told me to do.

Folks, the time being pumped up is over. God says, I'm tired of your solemn assemblies. I'm tired of your sacrifices.

They're not from the heart. Don't miss what God's about to do. Don't miss.

God help me, I'm not gonna miss it. I'm going out clinging to him. If God takes me, I want him to take me in Nairobi.

I'd like to be in the middle of that place. Because you see, once God presents something to you, you're responsible. Now you hear what God's doing through Brother Clendenin, and Pastor Carter, all these great things that God's doing.

But God wants you, and needs you. Father, I don't know what else to say. I've said everything that I know that you've laid on my heart.

Lord, I have not, I've not arrived. I'm still one of your weakest vessels. But oh God, I know you've told me that this anointing is available to any man, any woman who's set their heart.

It's not some emotional, shaking thing. It's letting the Holy Spirit now open your heart. And say God, once again, use me.

God, you're calling so many. I can feel it so strong. You're calling them, you're wooing them, saying now, in these meetings, here.

Not another time, you've made me promises before, but now, tonight, let something in my heart respond now. Hear the Word, show you the Word, say it.

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