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## Recognizing and Embracing God's Anointing Wherever It May Be Found *A Commentary by Jason Curry*



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Hezekiah was a king loved by God. According to 2 Kings 18:3: "... he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord." Even though Hezekiah was both blessed and anointed by God, a spokesperson of the king of Assyria named Rabshakeh tried to convince people that Hezekiah was neither blessed, favored nor anointed by God. Rabshakeh said: "... Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you. Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the Lord, saying, The Lord will surely deliver us... (Isaiah 36:14-15)." Even though the king of Assyria waged war against Hezekiah and his people, he was unable to defeat him. The prophet Isaiah told Hezekiah that the Lord would continue to support and defend him. According to Isaiah: "Therefore, thus saith the Lord concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor

come before it with shields, nor cast a bank against it (Isaiah 37:34)."

God is good (Psalm 100:5), and God's blessings and miracles have been revealed to many of us throughout our entire lives. Indeed, there are people blessed, favored and anointed by God in every city, state and nation throughout the world. Unfortunately, there are also people who engage in painstaking efforts to deny or discredit God's blessings and anointing upon people throughout this world. I remember going to a church service a few years ago and I observed a young, guest minister struggling with the delivery of his sermon. He was an enthusiastic preacher who was proclaiming sound, biblical doctrine; however, the people refused to affirm him, by saying "Amen," because he was not the pastor of the church. I've seen women, who are called by God to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, relegated to obscure positions in the

church because some people did not believe that the Holy Spirit can inspire and anoint women to preach. I've even seen both ministers and lay people, who are both called and anointed by God, mistreated or alienated because they did not speak standard English, attend prestigious schools, come from a long, genealogical line of pastors or belong to the "right" denomination.

God's blessings and anointing are not limited to the confines of race, class, gender, denomination, a particular family, church or a geographic location. Jesus said: "For whosoever shall do the work of God, the same is my brother and my sister..." (Mark 3:35)." We can often see God's anointing revealed in people through the fruit that they bear (Matthew 7:17). Let us continue to avail ourselves to the many ways in which God is blessing, anointing and using us all well as the people around us.