

# THE OIL OF GLADNESS

<sup>7</sup> *You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.*

Psalm 45:7

<sup>9</sup> *“You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.”*

Hebrews 1:9

<sup>2</sup> *Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.*

Psalm 100:2

I. The gospel is not an idea it's a man.

\* It's important to know what this man/ messiah was like in order to recognize him.

II. The oil of gladness

A. The primary characteristic of Jesus was gladness. He was winsome, lovely, gracious, charming, fun to be around. He was loved by common people.

B. The draw / What drew the oil of gladness to Jesus?

C. Isaiah says, because he loved righteousness and hated iniquity, that the oil of gladness was placed upon him.

D. To love righteousness without hating iniquity is incomplete. Never compromise your love for righteousness and hate for an iniquity.

E. The more we mature in our understanding that love has limits, and bonding has boundaries, the more we are open to a full anointing of the oil of gladness.

F. The oil of gladness is only maintained in a life of maturity in Christ.

III. An uncommon fragrance

A. Myrrh-a fragrant spice, of bitter taste, but of sweet aroma-- It flows freely from the tree, so figures the grace of His lips.

B. Aloes- a large tree with the wood containing a resin and an essential oil, constituting the perfume prized in antiquity.

C. Cassia- Reed or the outer bark... a symbol of this same excellency of character, but manifest in His public walk before men.