

who were attending him and trying to learn from him, and told him what to do. So God commanded Elijah didn't do Elisha passed it on to one of the members of the group, and this man went and poured some oil over the head of General Jehu and when the people saw the oil poured on his head they probably were already flocking to end the line of King Ahab and to make him king. So there was an anointing there. Of course there was nothing official about it; there was nothing ceremonial about it. It was a means ~~of~~ by which he conveyed the message that God had predicted he would become king.

The anointing was thus figurative in two cases. Anointing means to take oil and put in on somebody or on something, like a shield. But the anointing can be simply designating someone for an important position. It is a figurative use, and we have to study the question whether it is figurative or literal in each case. There are certain lessons from this I think are important for us.

We have this Book, this revelation of God's truth. We learn things through observing and we can be mistaken through observing. We observe thousands of individuals and then we say everybody in the world is just like them and we can go to another continent and find them entirely different. We inductively observe things but all we observe is only a small fraction of the facts of life. What we have learned with all our science is ~~XX~~ comparatively a small part of the facts of this tremendous universe God has created. So everything we know is somewhat tentative and subject to revision except what God has revealed in His Word. But what God has revealed has to be carefully studied to learn what it means and not to read into it.

But O how ready we are to get somebody else's judgment on how to do this, how to do that. What's the best way to carry this out. What's the answer to this problem. Many of these things are already answered