

THE YOKE SHALL BE DESTROYED

Galatians 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the **yoke** of bondage.

2 Corinthians 6:14 Be ye not unequally **yoked** together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

YOKE

- A device for joining together a pair of animals, especially oxen
- A frame fitting the neck and shoulders of a person, for carrying a pair of buckets (a burden)
- A symbol of slavery, like an archway under which prisoners of war were compelled to pass by the ancient Romans, etc.
- In machinery, a viselike piece that grips two parts firmly together
- Something that binds together
- *Also a verb, meaning to join, couple, harness, link, unite, attach, etc.*

What is your yoke?

- Something someone said about you when you were a child
- Something someone did to you in your distant past
- A personal failure that the devil reminds you of every day
- Something that distorts your personality and spirituality
- Something that you have never been free of for a long time!
- Something that hinders your movement and your mobility!
- There's nothing wrong with the oxen – it's the yoke!!

You owe it to yourself to get that yoke off of your neck so you can walk free and be what God intended you to be! But isn't it amazing what God's people will put up with, when the Lord has already set them free?!

Leviticus 26:13 I am the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, that ye should not be their bondmen; **and I have broken the bands of your yoke, and made you go upright.**

EVERY GENERATION HAS TO CAST OFF THE YOKE!

Isaiah 10:27 And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, **and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.**

The anointing is not given for external physical demonstration, the anointing is given to ENABLE YOU TO DO SOMETHING. If you're not doing anything for God, it doesn't matter how much noise you make!

1 Samuel 16:13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and **anointed** him in the midst of his brethren: **and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward.** So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

David had "premature anointing" to be king. It was very difficult for him. Other people (especially King Saul) didn't understand. **He was anointed for a kingdom that he hadn't come into yet!** He was dressed up like a shepherd boy, smelling like sheep dung, but anointed to be a King!

1 Samuel 17:24 And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid.

1 Samuel 17:37 David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

1 Samuel 17:45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

Young people, don't wait until you get old to operate in the anointing! The devil is fighting your generation because you are next in line for the blessing, and he wants to mess you up before you step into your role!

Judges 16:20-22 And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him. But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house. Howbeit the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaven.

Sampson didn't realize that the anointing had departed from him - but then later on he didn't realize that the anointing had returned to his life in the middle of his trial! Put your hands on the pillars and PUSH!

1 Kings 11:21-22 And when Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the host was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, Let me depart, that I may go to mine own country. Then Pharaoh said unto him, But what hast thou lacked with me, that, behold, thou seekest to go to thine own country? And he answered, Nothing: howbeit let me go in any wise.

Most people would think that everything is "good" in my life right now, but I have a longing to "go back home" that just won't quit!