GOD'S ANOINTED

When reading the Old Testament without corresponding scriptures in the New Testament, you can come to a false conclusion about who God's anointed really are. In the Old Testament, the prophets, priests and kings were ceremonially (and spiritually) anointed and therefore would obviously be referred to as God's anointed.

When David faced problems with Saul, he is noted for not harming Saul when the opportunity presented itself because he didn't want to touch God's anointed.

1 Samuel 24:6

"So he said to his men, 'Far be it from me because of the LORD that I should do this thing to my lord, the LORD'S anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, since he is the LORD'S anointed."

David says something similar in 1 Samuel 26:9, which strengthens a principle that has been misconstrued by some in authority. Some use it as "proof" that no one is to touch (or question) any thing they do or say. The truth, however, is balanced by the scriptures in the New Testament which shows we are all anointed ones; we are temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 3:16), led by the Spirit of God (Romans 8:14), and the anointing is in us and with us always.

1 John 2:27

"And as for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him."

Therefore, we who are genuine Christians are all anointed ones in the New Testament era because we have all received the Holy Spirit. This is seen in the book of Acts in Antioch where they were first called Christians (which means anointed ones), probably because of the anointed things they were seen doing.

Acts 11:26

"and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And it came about that for an entire year they met with the church, and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch."

In addition, in the New Testament, we are all equal in God because we all have an important part (1 Corinthians 13:9) in his Kingdom. And God doesn't see any of us less important than anyone else. So, we are in covenant and are not to "touch God's anointed" by touching one another.

Matthew 25:40

"And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, {even} the least {of them,} you did it to Me."