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Refutations By Our International Brethren Against The Allegations And Cavils Of The Church Of Judas Iscariot Sent Out By

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The issue of anointing is thematic and central to the message of the whole Scriptures and the foundation of the Church of God which is in His eternal Son, Yeshua Christ. Christ has anointed his messengers.¹ They must be called of God.² They are often raised with a special burden.³ But there are different measures of anointing⁴ and different burdens.⁵ This can be substantiated from the Scriptures and is a crucial lesson, specifically in the failure to recognize Christ and His ministers.⁶ It is God who calls a preacher. And the preacher must faithfully relay the message that God has burdened him with.⁷

Christ is the Anointed One. But the Scriptures also refers to David as the anointed one. It also refers to Moses as anointed.⁸ All the major prophets and minor prophets asserted their anointing. Paul asserts his calling from God and by doing so his authority from heaven.⁹ Peter acknowledged the anointing of Paul and the special message that Paul was granted.¹⁰ In the New Testament era, that anointing was attested especially through preaching that was accompanied by the Holy Spirit.¹¹ Those anointed with the Holy Spirit had understanding of the Scriptures and boldness to preach.¹² Their preaching was attested by the Holy Spirit Himself.

It is also clear that some had more facilitation than others. Some, more understanding of the Scriptures. John the Apostle was given the special burden of Revelation. Paul the Apostle was given unparalleled understanding of the Gospel that today is the basis of our interpretation of the Scriptures and doctrines of the Gospel.¹³

Martin Luther was raised up with a special purpose, he was not William Tyndale, nor is he John Calvin. But they are all anointed. They all played different roles in ecclesiological history. We can say the same for the Reformers and Puritans.

Did they all play a part in the Great Commission? Yes, but that's vague. The Reformation is not simply part of the Great Commission. And what is the role of the Puritans? You miss the woods for the trees if your only response is the Great Commission. So Elijah Thomas Chacko is within Scriptural limits to assert both his anointing and burden, which is his calling and his mandate. His doctrines are supported by the Scriptures and by a historic lineage of anointed servants of God and their children.¹⁴ These doctrines are what is supported and advocated by all the faithful forebears.

His burden and mandate are for the specific times he has been called to serve in. Like Elijah of old, he is called at a time when Christendom is darkened by apostasy. You yourselves were testimony to it: you fled from the heresies of Arminianism, Dispensationalism, Charismaticism, hyper-Calvinism and above all, Roman Catholicism. Christ has fulfilled the redemptive work. But apostasy has crept into the Church. Even from biblical history, in the days of Paul and Peter, apostasy was already at work.¹⁵ How much more in our days, when there are more variants of heresies to combat and when the Church is attacked from all corners!¹⁶ Is there not a cause? So what of Paul the Apostle? What of John the Apostle? What of William Tyndale? What of Martin Luther? What of John Calvin? What of John Bunyan? What of Jonathan Edwards? There are many more, that the constraints of time and space will not allow to spell out. To say that the redemptive work of Christ is fulfilled and therefore there is no need to restore all things, is to deny that the church needs men of God raised up for

¹ Zechariah 4:11-14, Revelation 11:3-5

² Romans 10:15

³ Amos 7: 12-15, Micah 3:8, Malachi 1:1, Zechariah 12:1

⁴ Daniel 8:27, 9:22, 12:3-4, 12:9-10, 1 Corinthians 12:4-10, Romans 11:13, Galatians 1:12, Matthew 16:13-17, 2 Peter 3:15-16

⁵ Isaiah 19:1, Nahum 1:1, Obadiah 1:1, Galatians 2:7

⁶ Numbers 12, 16, Mark 8:27-29

⁷ Ezekiel 3:20-21

⁸ Psalm 105:15

⁹ Romans 1:1,5, 2 Corinthians 2:1a, 11:5, 12:11b, Galatians 1:1, Ephesians 1:1a, Colossians 1:1a

¹⁰ 2 Peter 3:15-16

¹¹ Acts 2:2-4, 2:14-18, 2:37, 1 Corinthians 2:4, Hebrews 2:3b-4

¹² Acts 4:13, 29, 31, 2 Corinthians 7:4

¹³ Ephesians 3:1-8

¹⁴ Isaiah 8:18

¹⁵ Acts 20:29-30, 2 Timothy 3:1-9, 2 Peter 2:1-3, 1 John 2:18-19, Jude 4

¹⁶ Revelations 20:7-9, 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12, 2 Corinthians 11:4

specific missions. And to deny that apostasy will inevitably creep into the churches, it is also a denial of the treachery of man¹⁷ and the existence of the forces of darkness.¹⁸

The Bible does not allude to Martin Luther or many of them by name. Are they therefore not anointed and burdened? Did John Calvin have more light than Martin Luther? Did the Puritans have more understanding of experimental Calvinism than Calvin? Martin Luther was instrumental in exposing the heresies of the Roman Catholic Church and thereafter John Calvin was raised by God to define, crystallize and compile what is now known as Calvinism. Calvin could have affirmed that he had more light than Luther. At some points, he even disagreed with Luther. Just as Paul reproved Peter for his hazy application of the doctrine of Justification by Faith.¹⁹ Yes, Christ had revealed to Peter that what he had cleansed, call not common and unclean.²⁰ But if Peter had understood that sufficiently, why did he change his seat? Because his light was still dim as compared to Paul. So Peter submitted to Paul on this matter.

The failure to recognize the authority that stems from the calling and burden that God has endued someone with, is akin to Korah's accusation that "all the congregation are holy, everyone of them, and the LORD is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?"²¹ There is a Samuel and there is a David, there is a Peter and there is a Paul, there is a Aaron and there is a Moses, there is a John the Baptist and there is a Christ. How much more alarming is it then that there is a Cain and there is a Abel, there is a Saul and there is a David, there is a Joab and there is a David, there is a Barnabas and there is a Paul. And there is an Antichrist and there is a Christ.²² The conclusion is therefore that if we fail to recognize this calling and anointing, we are in danger of being opposed to those whom God has anointed.

Elijah Thomas Chacko needs to acknowledge the measure of the Holy Spirit on him and he is duty bound to assert his authority. He needs to assert it to defend his Gospel and to give due magnification to God's purpose and the working of the Holy Spirit. It is something that Paul did himself and expressly to the end that he may defend his Gospel, that is the Gospel of Christ. Paul's Gospel as opposed to the Gospel of heretics.²³ Contrary to what you say, Elijah Thomas Chacko has acknowledged that the light he has, has historical precedence not just Scriptural. But unlike many, he didn't pick this up from reading tons of books but rather he read the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit opened his eyes yet he always gives credit to those whom God has used to influence him. He has the dexterity to fight the morphing nuances of the heresies of the days. And the sharpness and precision that wasn't available to some of our forebears because the battle is even more ferocious and marauding now than it was then. It is absurd then not to acknowledge and give due respect to the vessel that God has used in the defence of His Gospel in this hour.

In fact, Joel Chia and Jeshaiiah Lim were schooled under Elijah Thomas Chacko-- Joel Chia from his teenage years. Joel Chia and Jeshaiiah Lim have not simply borrowed Elijah Thomas Chacko's teachings, they have often regurgitated it. So you cannot be scornful of Elijah Thomas Chacko's burden and pulpit, and then magnify Joel Chia and Jeshaiiah Lim. If you say that Elijah Thomas Chacko's "pulpit has become the chief source where lies are spread" then Joel Chia and Jeshaiiah Lim are copycat liars. It doesn't take a genius to see how unsound that is.²⁴

The reason why people have failed to acknowledge the calling and burden of the anointed of God is because the message is "hard to be understood and the unlearned and unstable wrest" their doctrines.

If God has not forgiven our sins, must we not confess?²⁵ The heart of man is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked who can know it?²⁶ We may confess our sins but God's verdict is that we have drawn nigh

¹⁷ Deuteronomy 31:19-21, 32

¹⁸ Ephesians 6:12

¹⁹ Galatians 2:11-14

²⁰ Acts 10:15, 11:9

²¹ Numbers 16:3

²² Ezekiel 28:2,6, Revelation 13:11, I John 2:22

²³ Galatians 1:6-12

²⁴ You don't have to be smart to know what stupid is, Proverbs 26:4-5

²⁵ Lamentations 5:22

²⁶ Jeremiah 17:4

unto God with our words and not with our heart.²⁷ The extent of the deceitfulness of our heart is exposed as we walk through the long and painful valley of humiliation.²⁸ God applies the law on us through providence and preaching so that we may recognize the perpetual backsliding, treachery, revolt and deceit in us.²⁹ We are slow to identify them and the hold that they have on us, and are presumptuous³⁰ in dealing with them. We need the law not just to show us our sins but the extent of them.³¹ Jacob took 20 years before he was Israel. Abraham sojourned for a long time before he was justified. The Song of Solomon records that the woman let her Beloved go because she was late to the door and took much pain before she found Him again. Is the forgiveness of God then cheaply acquired considering the manner of man we are? We are solely dependent on the sovereign mercies of God for His forgiveness.³² But we will repent and confess until our repentance need not be repented of.³³ We have to continually wait³⁴ with fear and trembling³⁵ at the hand of the Master for the dispensation of His sovereign mercies.³⁶ God is not obliged to forgive us, neither is he unjust if he doesn't.

But a person's lack of repentance cannot be the fault of God or His minister, if the minister is a faithful messenger of God's Word. If Judah did not repent, was it Jeremiah's fault? If Israel did not listen, was it Isaiah's fault? If the captivity in Babylon still did not listen to Ezekiel, was God or Ezekiel at fault for their hardened hearts?³⁷ If the Jews would not listen to Paul, was Paul responsible?³⁸ Was Christ's ministry in anyway at fault for the Pharisees and Scribes? How many converts did Jeremiah have? What about Elijah? How many entered the promised land in the days of Moses? Many are called, but few chosen.³⁹ But the servant of God must keep preaching. He must be faithful, persevering for however long God wants him to. How long did Noah preach for? And how many listened to him?⁴⁰ If we have no true repentance than that is not the fault of pastor. If we are hypocrites, who say one thing with our mouths, but mock God with our actions, then that is no fault of pastor's. If we make vows and do not keep them, then we bear our iniquities— each man his own.⁴¹ That speaks to the hardness of our heart, that we have a true prophet among us, but we are still unrepentant. But it is the sick that needs healing; it is the sinful, that needs forgiveness.⁴² You say you have no sin, therefore your sin remains.⁴³ Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The LORD God is my strength and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places.⁴⁴

Yea, there are revivals. Jonah's preaching was one such. But the quickening of the Spirit does not equate to justification. At the time of Pentecost, through the Spirit-accompanied preaching, thousands were added unto the church. But there were the likes of Ananias and Sapphira.⁴⁵ And it was those of the synagogue, who stopped their ears and stoned Stephen after he had witnessed against them. Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted?⁴⁶ Did they not ask Christ for a sign?⁴⁷ Or as Christ tells it, even if one would rise from the dead they

²⁷ Isaiah 29:13, Ezekiel 33:31, Matthew 15:7-9, Mark 7:6-7

²⁸ Isaiah 40:3-5

²⁹ Jeremiah 8:5, Isaiah 1:5, Hosea

³⁰ Psalm 19:12-13

³¹ Romans 7:7

³² Romans 9:15,18

³³ 2 Corinthians 7:9-10

³⁴ Lamentations 3:24-26, Job 13:15

³⁵ Philippians 2:12b, Hebrews 4:1

³⁶ Psalm 123

³⁷ Ezekiel 2:3-5

³⁸ Acts 28:24-28

³⁹ Matthew 20:16b, Matthew 7:13-14,21-23, 22:14

⁴⁰ 1 Peter 3:20, 2 Peter 2:5

⁴¹ Ezekiel 18

⁴² Luke 5:31

⁴³ John 9:41, 1 John 1:8,10

⁴⁴ Habakkuk 3:17-19a

⁴⁵ Acts 5:1-11

⁴⁶ Acts 7:52a

⁴⁷ Matthew 12:38-39

will not listen.⁴⁸ The Scripture testifies against the children of Israel, Then believed they His words; they sang His praise. They soon forget his works; they waited not for his counsel.⁴⁹ Did not Paul lament that many who were once close to him departed?⁵⁰ O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.⁵¹

You say that an unrelenting confession of sin is a sign of perdition. But it is a contrite and broken spirit that God will not despise.⁵² To this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my Word.⁵³ Your faulty logic reasons that someone who doesn't confess repeatedly has genuine repentance. Even Moses confessed, Thou hast set our iniquities before Thee, our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance⁵⁴ and Paul cautioned himself, lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.⁵⁵ What do we know of genuine repentance?

Who were the ones who did all they could to give attendance to Elijah Thomas Chacko's preaching? Your baptismal testimonies will testify against you. You speak of an infirmed man's love to stand in freezing water for hours to baptize some 100 of you. And you yourself tasted of small deliverances and the sweetness and warmth of Christ. Unless you were lying? If you were, then you are not only liars, but you are the ones who promoted him amongst yourself. Where is then the blessedness ye spake of?⁵⁶ For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ Jesus, yet have ye not many fathers.⁵⁷

Finally, to your criticisms of Elijah Thomas Chacko not upholding the Congregational Church polity, your mis-invoking of the tripartite system and your accusation of Elijah Thomas Chacko causing schisms. They are but pretext for you to blasphemously deny the anointing and calling of Elijah Thomas Chacko to exonerate the Bastards⁵⁸ Joel Chia and Jeshaiiah Lim.

The viciousness of your attacks does not take us by surprise because this is a recurrent occurrence throughout the Bible, that is, people who would slander the servants of God because they refuse to recognize the anointing of the servants of God. The blood of the prophets has been shed from the foundation of the world, from Abel to Zacharias. Did not the Pharisees and the elders of Israel seek at every opportunity to murder Christ? Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for mine sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.⁵⁹ The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?⁶⁰ In order to kill the messenger and his message, they must deny that the Holy Spirit is upon the minister of God. Especially when the true prophets expose openly the false prophets and their insidious agendas. Their agenda is to make merchandise of God, the servant of God, the things of God and God's people.⁶¹ Even ones like Joab and Ahithophel, who fought the Lord's battle on behalf of David⁶² and who had wisdom as if a man had enquired at the oracle of God⁶³ respectively, were not found to be pure. Even Judas, a disciple of Christ, and Barnabas, who recruited Paul into

⁴⁸ Luke 16:31

⁴⁹ Psalm 106:12-14

⁵⁰ 2 Timothy 4:10-11

⁵¹ Habakkuk 3:2b

⁵² Psalm 51:17

⁵³ Isaiah 66:2b

⁵⁴ Psalm 90:8

⁵⁵ I Corinthians 9:27b

⁵⁶ Galatians 4:15a

⁵⁷ I Corinthians 4: 15

⁵⁸ Deuteronomy 23:2, Zechariah 9:6, Hebrews 12:8

⁵⁹ Matthew 5: 10-12

⁶⁰ Matthew 10:24-25

⁶¹ 2 Kings 5: 20-27, Matthew 21: 13

⁶² 2 Samuel 10:12-13

⁶³ 2 Samuel 16:23

the work of the Gentiles, were not pure. Who among us is pure— For Thou desirest not sacrifices; else would I give it: Thou delightest not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou will not despise.⁶⁴ But of these who seemed to be somewhat, (whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth no man's person:) for they who seemed to be somewhat in conference added nothing to me.⁶⁵ Yea, God does not respect persons nor their works. But God is a faithful rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.⁶⁶ Ye stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, we do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? And they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of Whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderous.⁶⁷

It is an unfair criticism to say Elijah Thomas Chacko makes unilateral decisions. Your letter testifies that at one meeting Zephaniah, Phinehas, Zechariah and Eliezer were there. At another, Rhoda, Zipporah and Deborah were there. And I can assure that many others were consulted. But don't forget that as much as you think you know Haziel Qi, Elijah Thomas Chacko can say the same for Joel Chia. Not only Elijah Thomas Chacko, but also Zephaniah Soh. Not only Zephaniah Soh but most of the names mentioned above. And not only them, but many more. So why are you making your own one-party decisions. Why do you not weigh these matters in your decision-making process?

Maybe it is due to its inconvenience to your purposes. You bear many false evidences. You say Zephaniah did not allow you to speak at the response session after Deuteronomy 32. But many of the brethren present testified that he was judicious on that aspect as he had to give those who disagreed with you ample time to speak as well. You are selective of what you want to call to memory. Elijah Thomas Chacko did not stop at Deuteronomy 32. He went on to preach on Joshua and Judges. Many of the China brethren were present to hear and were brought to clarity on the doctrine of Anointing and Church polity. Call to remembrance the substance of those messages. You single out the NJT 19 August edition's preface comments made by Elijah Thomas Chacko. But you don't say what he was commenting about. Such is your lack of uprightness. He was commenting on Haziel's confession about his sin of pride and the pitfalls of those who serve Christ especially when they ride on the coattails of Elijah Thomas Chacko just as Gehazi the servant of Elisha did. Or just as Jeremiah warn Baruch.⁶⁸ At least Haziel confessed, has Joel confessed? You say Elijah Thomas Chacko did not answer you. But even if he did, as Jeremiah did to the remnant left in Judah, would you have listened?⁶⁹ Elijah Thomas Chacko is not all-knowing and all-seeing and Elijah Thomas Chacko has hopes that all might come to repentance. I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High. But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes. Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.⁷⁰

We would like credit our pastor, Elijah Thomas Chacko, for giving us understanding of the Scriptures, including the principles, doctrines and its applications.

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⁶⁴ Psalm 51: 16-17

⁶⁵ Galatians 2: 6

⁶⁶ Hebrews 11: 6b

⁶⁷ Acts 7:51-52

⁶⁸ Jeremiah 45

⁶⁹ Jeremiah 42

⁷⁰ Psalm 82:6-8