

Exodus 30:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Moreover the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Analysis

The sacred anointing oil—myrrh, cinnamon, calamus, cassia in olive oil—represents the Holy Spirit's multifaceted work. Each spice contributes unique fragrance, together creating complete anointing. The oil's holiness (never for common use) emphasizes that the Spirit is sacred, not to be counterfeited or treated casually. Christ was anointed with this spiritual reality, receiving the Spirit without measure (John 3:34). Believers receive the same Spirit, though in measure.

Historical Context

The specific spice formula was divinely prescribed and forbidden for common use—counterfeit anointing oil incurred severe penalty. This protected the sacred symbolism and prevented profaning what represented God's Spirit.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does each spice's unique contribution illustrate the Holy Spirit's multifaceted work?

2. What does the oil's sacred exclusivity teach about treating the Holy Spirit with reverence?

Interlinear Text

לֵאמֹר: מֶלֶךְ הָאָלֹהִים יְהִי רְאִון
saying unto Moses: Moreover the LORD spake
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