

Exodus 30:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the table and all his vessels, and the candlestick and his vessels, and the altar of incense,

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

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

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

בְּמִנְבָּר הַזָּהָב אֶת כָּל יְמִינָה כָּל יְמִינָה
H853 And the table H853 H3605 and all his vessels H853 and the candlestick
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פְּקָרְבָּנִים אֶת כָּל יְמִינָה מִזְבֵּחַ אֶת כָּל יְמִינָה
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