

Exodus 30:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the altar of burnt offering with all his vessels, and the laver and his foot.

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

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

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

וְאֵת	מִזְבֵּחַ	הָעֹלָה	וְאֵת	כָּל	כֵּל יוֹ	וְאֵת
H853	And the altar	of burnt offering	H853	H3605	with all his vessels	H853
	H4196	H5930			H3627	
	וְהַכִּיֹּר	וְאֵת	כַּנּוֹ:			
	and the laver	H853	and his foot			
	H3595		H3653			

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