

# 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

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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

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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

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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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

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וְאַתָּה מִזְבֵּח הַקְרֵב לְאַת כָּל וְאַת כָּל וְאַת  
H853 And the altar of burnt offering H853 H3605 with all his vessels H853  
H4196 H5930 H3627

וְאַת בְּפַנֵּי רַכְבָּיו:  
and the laver and his foot

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