

Exodus 30:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Upon man's flesh shall it not be poured, neither shall ye make any other like it, after the composition of it: it is holy, and it shall be holy unto you.

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

James 2:17 — Faith and works

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

עַל H5921	בָּשָׂר H1320	אָדָם H120	לֹא H3808	יִסָּךְ H3251		
	flesh	Upon man's		shall it not be poured		
	וְבַם תִּכְנֶת וְ		לֹא H3808	תַּעֲשֶׂה וְ	כֹּמֶל הוּא H3644	
	any other like it after the composition			neither shall ye make		
	קִדְּשׁ H6944	הוּא H1931	קִדְּשׁ H6944	לְכֶם: יְהִי הוּא H1961 H0		
	and it shall be holy		and it shall be holy			

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 30:25 (Holy): And thou shalt make it an oil of holy ointment, an ointment compound after the art of the apothecary: it shall be an holy anointing oil.