

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

בָּשָׂר בָּשָׂר עַל	לֹא אָדָם	לֹא יְמִינָה
H5921 flesh	Upon man's	H3808 shall it not be poured
H1320	H120	H3251
וְבָمְתַכְתָּתִים	לֹא	כִּמְהוּמָה
any other like it after the composition	H3808	neither shall ye make
H4971		H3644
לְכָמָן יְהִי הַ	לְכָמָן יְהִי הַ	לְכָמָן יְהִי הַ
and it shall be holy	H1931	and it shall be holy
H6944		H0
וְבָמְתַכְתָּתִים	לֹא	כִּמְהוּמָה
any other like it after the composition	H3808	neither shall ye make
H4971		H3644
לְכָמָן יְהִי הַ	לְכָמָן יְהִי הַ	לְכָמָן יְהִי הַ
and it shall be holy	H1931	and it shall be holy
H6944		H0

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.

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