

# Exodus 30:34

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD said unto Moses, Take unto thee sweet spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum; these sweet spices with pure frankincense: of each shall there be a like weight:

## Analysis

The holy incense formula—stacte, onycha, galbanum, frankincense—represents acceptable prayer. Like the anointing oil, this formula was sacred, forbidden for common use. The specific ingredients create a fragrance pleasing to God, teaching that prayer must be according to God's will to be acceptable. Christ's intercession is the perfect incense; our prayers, offered through Him, become fragrant to God (2 Corinthians 2:15).

## Historical Context

The incense burned twice daily on the golden altar, filling the Holy Place with fragrant smoke. Offering strange/unauthorized incense resulted in death (Leviticus 10:1-2), emphasizing that worship must follow God's prescription.

## Related Passages

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

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

1. How does Christ's intercession serve as 'perfect incense' making your prayers acceptable?
2. What does the forbidden counterfeiting teach about worshiping according to God's pattern?

## Interlinear Text

וַיֹּאמֶר	יְהוָה	אֶל	מֶלֶךְ	קְרָב	לְבָבֶךָ	סָמִים	נֶסֶת
<b>said</b>	<b>And the LORD</b>	H413	<b>unto Moses</b>	<b>Take</b>	H0	<b>spices</b>	<b>stacte</b>
H559	H3068		H4872	H3947		H5561	H5198
וְשַׁחַת לְתָה	וְיַחַלְבֵּן הַ	סָמִים	וְלִבְנֵן הַ	לְבָבֶךָ	זֶבֶב דְּ	זֶבֶב דְּ	זֶבֶב דְּ
<b>and onycha</b>	<b>and galbanum</b>	<b>spices</b>	<b>frankincense</b>	<b>with pure</b>	<b>of each</b>	<b>of each</b>	<b>of each</b>
H7827	H2464	H5561	H3828	H2134	H905	H905	H905
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## Additional Cross-References

**Exodus 37:29** (Parallel theme): And he made the holy anointing oil, and the pure incense of sweet spices, according to the work of the apothecary.

**Exodus 30:23** (Parallel theme): Take thou also unto thee principal spices, of pure myrrh five hundred shekels, and of sweet cinnamon half so much, even two hundred and fifty shekels, and of sweet calamus two hundred and fifty shekels,

**Exodus 25:6** (Parallel theme): Oil for the light, spices for anointing oil, and for sweet incense,

**Leviticus 2:15** (Parallel theme): And thou shalt put oil upon it, and lay frankincense thereon: it is a meat offering.