

# Exodus 30:35

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt make it a perfume, a confection after the art of the apothecary, tempered together, pure and holy:

## Analysis

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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

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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

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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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

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And thou shalt make	H853	it a perfume	a confection	after the art
H6213		H7004	H7545	H4639
רוֹקַח הָאָפֹתֶקָה	מְמַלֵּךְ	טָהוֹר	קֹדֶשׁ:	
of the apothecary	tempered	together pure	and holy	
H7543	H4414	H2889	H6944	

## Additional Cross-References

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**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.

**Leviticus 2:13** (Parallel theme): And every oblation of thy meat offering shalt thou season with salt; neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat offering: with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt.