

# Exodus 30:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt beat some of it very small, and put of it before the testimony in the tabernacle of the congregation, where I will meet with thee: it shall be unto you most 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 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## 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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וְשָׁחֲקֶתָ	מִמְנָה	הֵדֵק	וְנָתַתָּה	מִמֶּנָּה	
And thou shalt beat	H4480	some of it very small	and put	H4480	
H7833		H1854	H5414		
לִפְנֵי	הָעֵדֻת	בְּאֵלֵּי	מוֹעֵד	אֲשֶׁר	
of it before	the testimony	in the tabernacle	of the congregation	H834	
H6440	H5715	H168	H4150		
אֲנִי	לִי	קֹדֶשׁ יְיָ	קֹדֶשׁ יְיָ	תִּהְיֶה	לָכֶם:
where I will meet	H0	H8033	holy	H1961	H0
H3259		H6944	H6944		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 25:22** (Witness): And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.