

# Exodus 30:37

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And as for the perfume which thou shalt make, ye shall not make to yourselves according to the composition thereof: it shall be unto thee holy for the LORD.

## 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

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## 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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וְכֹלֶת כְּתָת	אֲשֶׁר	מְעַשׁ וְ	לְכֹלֶת
<b>And as for the perfume</b>	H834	<b>which thou shalt make</b>	H6213
H7004		H6213	
בְּמִתְכְּנָתָת הָ	לְאָ	מְעַשׁ וְ	לְכֹלֶת
<b>to yourselves according to the composition</b>	H3808	<b>which thou shalt make</b>	H0
H4971		H6213	
לְכֹלֶת	תְּהִלָּה הָ	לְבָ	לִיהְיוֹן
<b>thereof it shall be unto thee holy</b>	H1961	H0	<b>for the LORD</b>
H6944			H3068

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