

Intro:

Main Point of Text: After the priests wash at the Tabernacle's Brazen Basin, they are to apply the apothecary's holy perfume of anointing oil and incense to be a distinctly sanctified fragrance in the church unto the Lord.

Sermon Point: *Perfume Yourselves with Piety and Praise.*

Move 1: God wants you not only to be clean before Him, but to smell sanctified to Him.

"holy" is all through the text; similar to "pure" (vss. 23, 34, 35): without contaminants. Set apart from common to sacred use. Vss. 30-31: "unto God". To smell "sweet": vss. 23, 34; point of all the ingredients in the ointment/incense compound. It is *a lot* of apothecary (vss. 23-24), and it is the best: vs. 23. Extract process made it potent on all touched (vs. 29).

Move 2: God has anointed you with the sweet smell of His Son.

Vs. 30: Anointing of priests prefigures anointing of Jesus Christ for the ministry: at baptism (Holy Spirit [oil], Mt. 3:16); at burial (mixture of myrrh and aloes, Jn. 19:39, Ex. 30:23), foreshadowed at birth (Mt. 2:11, myrrh (Ex. 30:23) and frankincense (Ex. 30:34). God anoints all His household by His priests, making everything and everyone sacred and sweet. The King has His own royal fragrances that He gives to His Queen to be married to Him: Ps. 45:8, 11. Heb. for "anoint" could be "smear". Just a touch due to intense fragrance. Sweet smelling, heavenly marriage typified in Song of Solomon: 3:6-11; 4:10-16. This is the relationship Christ has entered into with you by His sacrificial love. Eph. 5:2: ... *Christ ... hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour.*

Move 3: You must keep preparing yourself to smell good to your Husband.

Vss. 32, 36, 37: holy "unto you/thee". You must prefer/prepare for holiness. Vs. 36: make fine by much effort. Like the pure olive oil from people in 27:20 for Golden Lampstand to burn without smoke/stench. Preparation also to be exclusive: Vss. 32-33, 36-38: not for worldly use; vs. 38, lit., make "to be wide/spacious unto". Or else, "cut off" (vss. 33, 38; like Gen. 17:14; Ex. 12:15). Warning: Ecc. 10:1; Isa. 3:24. You should delight in preparing yourself to meet with your holy husband. Preserving yourself for Him: Vs. 35 "tempered together", lit. "salted": *Ye are the salt [and savour] of the earth ...* (Mt. 5:13) Song of Solomon 1:13. You will only smell good to Christ and His Body: 2 Cor. 2:14-16. Christ in Ps. 45:7. You in Phil. 4:18; Ecc. 7:1. Anointing Oil = Holy Spirit. God wants to smell your perfume not only in good works, but true adoration. Piety and praise are the perfumes He desires. Vs. 23: "chief" spices.

Conclusion:

Perfume Yourselves with Piety and Praise.