

The Smell of Sanctification

Intro:

Ecc 10:1

We are called to wear the aroma of Christ in this world - the question is do we

Acts 11:26

Little Christs - the world called this to them thinking to insult them - today we call ourselves Christians and the world calls us other things

Problem:

Ezek 20:40-41

One day real unifying Holiness will be a tangible reality - it will be manifest - obvious - visible to all

This is a promise that began all the way back in exodus

Main Idea:

Behold the aroma of an anointed life

Behold the aroma of The Anointed One

Implication:

We are the fragrance of the knowledge of Christ in this world

We are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing

Application:

Acts 4:13

Do lost people recognize His smell on you

Acts 19:13-17

Do the cosmos powers of light and darkness will recognize His smell on you

Matt 7:21-23

Will He recognize His smell on you

Articles for further study:

<https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/90-330/the-essential-ministry-of-the-holy-spirit-part-1>

<https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/jesus-christ-anointed-one/>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/gold-frankincense-myrrh.html>

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Text:

Behold the aroma of an anointed life

Ex. 30:22 ¶ The LORD said to Moses,

Ex. 30:23 **Take the finest spices:** of liquid myrrh 500 shekels, and of sweet-smelling cinnamon half as much, that is, 250, and 250 of aromatic cane,

Ex. 30:24 and 500 of cassia, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, and a hin of olive oil (40lbs).

Ex. 30:25 And you shall make of these a **sacred anointing oil** blended as by the perfumer; **it shall be a holy anointing oil.**

Ex. 30:26 With it you shall **anoint** the tent of meeting and the ark of the testimony,

Ex. 30:27 and the table and all its utensils, and the lampstand and its utensils, and the altar of incense,

Ex. 30:28 and the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils and the basin and its stand.

Ex. 30:29 You shall **consecrate them (piel), that they may be most holy (holy of holies). Whatever touches them will become (should be) holy (for anything to touch holy things it must be made holy).**

Ex. 30:30 You shall **anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may serve me as priests.**

Ex. 30:31 And you shall say to the people of Israel, 'This shall be my holy anointing oil throughout your generations.

Ex. 30:32 **It shall not be poured on the body of an ordinary person, and you shall make no other like it in composition. It is holy, and it shall be holy to you.**

Ex. 30:33 Whoever compounds any like it or whoever puts any of it on an outsider shall be **cut off from his people.**"

heb 12:14 (holiness is not optional in the life of a priest and consequently it is not optional in the Christian life)
(sermon on mount - the law the altar - points to the need for holiness and perfection - why)

Lev 11:44-45 (because He is holy...but there is more in view)

1 Pet 1:13-21 (He calls us to a tangible Holiness..that He provides In Christ)

(think about the prohibition - you don't put holiness on an ordinary person - unwashed ex 30:17-22)

(jn 13:3-5 we have been washed by the precious blood of Christ but that it not it...)

Titus 3:5-6 (holiness is pictured as a tangible thing - an anointing put upon you - ultimately pointing fwd to the tangible provision of the Holy Spirit)

2 Cor 1:21-22 (He is a tangible guarantee of more...)

gal 5:16-25 (tangible guarantee a tangible ,present-tense, sensory, preview of the love, joy, peace etc. that is coming)

1 cor 7:12-14 (what touches it made holy set apart - gen 18:23 (i will not destroy for the sake of ten righteous) for blessing of fellowship) every thing you touch is meant to be anointed - no such thing as an ordinary christian- no such thing as an ordinary christian life...what do I mean?

Behold the aroma of The Anointed One

Ex. 30:34 ¶ The LORD said to Moses, "Take sweet spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum, sweet spices with pure **frankincense** (of each shall there be an equal part),

Ex. 30:35 and make an **incense** blended as by the perfumer, seasoned with salt, **pure and holy.**

Ex. 30:36 You shall beat some of it very small, and **put part of it before the testimony in the tent of meeting where I shall meet with you. It shall be most holy for you.**

Ex. 30:37 And the incense that you shall make according to its composition, **you shall not make for yourselves. It shall be for you holy to the LORD.**

Ex. 30:38 **Whoever makes any like it to use as perfume shall be cut off from his people.**"

ex 19:16-20 (the smoke machine of His presence (also prayer) has a smell to it - not your perfume/cologne but His)

Matt 2:11 (surrounded by gold with the permeated scent of myrrh and the smoke of frankincense - God points to His Son Jesus Christ)

1 jn 2:20-27 (Christ is not His last name - anointed one - messiah (matt 16:14-17)

you have been anointed by The Anointed One Himself)

Jn 14:16-17 (holiness is a tangible gift that comes not only from His sacrifice but from His prayer)

Heb 7:23-25 (His prayers are the aroma of our lives)

Jn 17:14-23 (His fellowship is the fragrance of our lives)

2 Cor 2:14-17 (He is the fragrance and aroma of our lives)

Application Questions

MESSAGE RECEIVED
(Do you understand what you learned?)

- What is the main point of this message? (Could you summarize it in your own words?)
- What is something new that you learned?
 - What was your knowledge in this area before you heard this message?
 - Any change you will make in your daily life based upon this new knowledge?
- What reference verse stands out to you and why?
- How did this message encourage you? Why do you think that is?
- Did the message pair with your weekly bible reading in any way?
- What is a struggle you had with this message? It's content or it's application?
- What are some truths that stand out to you in this message?
 - Any life testimonies that you can think of that are good examples of these truths?
- What character/attribute of God stands out to you the most in this message and why?
 - Any specific verse that puts this attribute on display?

MESSAGE APPLIED
(What are you going to do with what you learned?)

Culture

- What are the lies of the world/devil that we need to be aware of that are antithetical to this message?
- What do you think the cultural animosity is towards this message if we apply it rightly?

Church

- How do you see this message impacting the church corporately? (locally/globally)
 - What prayers would be good to pray for the church body based on this message?

Individual

- Is there a sin in your life that this message convicted you of?
 - Why do you think this was a blind spot in your sanctification before this message?
- How did the message address any specific life circumstance you are going through right now?

- Select two questions from the below list and write down your answer to them:
 - How does this message change or impact your:
 - Prayer Life?
 - Evangelism?
 - Bible Reading?
 - Christian Relationships?
 - Non-Christian relationships?
 - Parenting?
 - Role as a Husband/Wife?
 - Workplace?
- **How have you been changed by this message? What is your one memorable takeaway. If I ask you “How did God sanctify you through the preaching of this message, how would you respond?”**