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Matthew 2:11, *“And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.”*

Most people familiar with the Bible know of the gifts brought to the young child, Jesus. There was the precious metal, gold, and the two spices, frankincense and myrrh. These three items were also used throughout Old Testament worship.

Many of the items in the tabernacle and the ark of the covenant itself were overlaid with pure gold. The staves to bear the ark, the incense altar, and many other items in the worship of the old law was overlaid with gold.

Frankincense was put upon meat offerings as well as in the perfume that was used in the tabernacle. (Exodus 34:34-35) It was also to be placed upon the bread used as a memorial before the LORD and was to be done every Sabbath. (Leviticus 24:7) Myrrh was used as one of the principal spices to make an oil of holy ointment.

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My wife Ruby, in her daily Bible studies, was reading in Leviticus, and made this connection. It's a connection I had never seen. It's no accident that the three gifts brought to the young child Jesus, the most precious metal known to man, gold, and the two spices frankincense and myrrh, were used in Old Testament worship. These items that were previously used in worship were given to Jesus. I think this shows how worship is now to be focused on God and Jesus.

—Marty Edwards❖

Exodus 30:35, *“And thou shalt make it a perfume, a confection after the art of the apothecary, tempered together, pure and holy.”*

We all know how powerful a smell can be. An aroma of something cooking can take us back to our childhood. We can instantly be taken back to the kitchen where our mother is cooking. We can quickly be taken to another place and time even by the slightest aroma that we might smell. A smell can evoke good memories and very pleasant thoughts.

The LORD knows how powerful these smells are and He had a special perfume made that was to be used in the tabernacle. They were to never put it on themselves. It was reserved for the LORD only by using it in the tabernacle. Exodus 30:37-38, *“³⁷And 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. ³⁸Whosoever shall make like unto that, to smell thereto, shall even be cut off from his people.”* The LORD wanted this reserved for Him and anyone using it personally was to be cut off from His people.

No doubt when the people smelled this perfume, thoughts of the LORD and His worship at the tabernacle flooded their minds.

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News

—Continue to remember **Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Brad Terry. Sherry Crabtree** was hospitalized overnight early last week due to a rapid heart rate. She is now home and doing much better.



Birthdays

Feb. 5 — Shari Edwards ❖ Feb. 6 — Denessa Worth
 Feb. 21 — Matthew Edwards ❖ Feb. 27 — Chelsee Crabtree
 Feb. 28 — Taylor Dennis

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We do not have a special smell used in New Testament worship, but there is still an aroma mentioned. We are told in II Corinthians 2:15, “*For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish.*” We “smell” like Christ to God. People can remind you of someone else because of the aroma about them due to perfume, etc. We are a sweet savor of Christ because we are like Him.

There are wonderful smells and there are some that are very unpleasant. Nothing smells worse than the smell of death, such as a decaying animal. The next verse says, “*To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life...*” To those that perish, we are the savour, or smell, of death. This is because of we “smell like” Jesus and He will condemn them to eternal death at the judgment. To the saved, He grants eternal life, therefore we are the savour of life.

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Sunday, January 28, 2018		
Classes	22	II Timothy 1:1-5
Preaching	22	Mark 5:1-20
Contribution	\$784.00	
Evening	19	Micah 6:1-16
Wednesday, January 31, 2018		
Classes	19	Revelation 6:1-8

Visitors— Jan 28 (AM) Logan Brent (Munfordville)
 Jan 31 (Wed) Avery, Audrey, & Tucker Franklin
 (Lexington, KY)

Bible Quiz

What was given to the one on the white horse?

Last Week’s Answer— power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. (Revelation 5:12)

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Soon we will have flowers and trees blooming and with them the sweet smell of life awakening in the world. In the same way, we are a sweet savour of Christ unto God. We smell of eternal life.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)