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Exodus 30:34-35, “³⁴And the LORD said unto Moses, Take unto thee sweet spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum; these sweet spices with pure frankincense: of each shall there be a like weight: ³⁵And thou shalt make it a perfume, a confection after the art of the apothecary, tempered together, pure and holy:

In the Old Testament the LORD commanded Moses to have a perfume made of a particular mixture. It was to be put in the testimony of the tabernacle. No one was allowed to make this particular mixture for themselves or anyone else. This particular fragrance was reserved for the tabernacle. If anyone made the same perfume, they were to be cut off from his people.

It’s interesting that the LORD chose to use an aroma as part of worship and laws of the Old Testament. The LORD certainly knows how powerful aromas can be. How often have you smelled a particular odor and it takes you back in time? It can be a smell that instantly takes you back to your childhood. It might be a memory of your mother because of a particular perfume she wore.

Scents are powerful and can transport us quickly to other places and times and invoke wonderful memories from times past. The fragrance of spring flowers will soon fill the air and our minds with pleasant thoughts that warm weather has arrived. Smells of wonderful food not only take us back but even enhance our appetite.

I know the LORD wanted people to be reminded of Him and their service to Him when they smelled this particular aroma. It was to be reserved for Him alone.

Even though we do not have anything comparable in our worship today in that we are to make a particular aroma, the thought is carried over to the New Testament. In II Corinthians 2:15 we are told, “*For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish.*”

The sweet savour, or smell, that we have now is that we “smell” like Christ. It’s obviously not a physical smell, but we spiritually have the savour of Christ. We are like Him in our words, thoughts, and deeds. Not only does this savour rise up to God, but the savour goes to the saved and the lost as well.

We are told in verse 16 that to one it is the savour of death. To the other it is the savour of life. To the lost, we smell of death, that is eternal death if they do not come to the LORD. But to the saved we have the sweet aroma of eternal life. To have the savour of Jesus is a sweet and very pleasant smell. Ephesians 5:2, “*And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.*”

—Marty Edwards❖

“*And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four [and] twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.*” —Revelation 5:8

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—Continue to remember **Alice Vanderstoep, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Becky Hatcher, Joanna Locke, Rachel Riffle, Linda Terry, Sherry Crabtree, Larry Compton and Clay Bozarth.**

—We are very thankful to report that **Rick Gibbs** made his desires known to return to the Lord. He also desires to be part of our congregation here at Munfordville.

—Next Sunday evening will be our first-Sunday singing. The Hodgenville congregation will be visiting with us. We plan to have the first-Sunday singing on March 5 at the Hodgenville congregation. **Mike and Kathy Burd** will be providing their van to take any who want to ride together. We plan to leave the Church building at 3:30 p.m. (March 5). We plan to broadcast this service only on YouTube.

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Psalm 119:89, “*For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.*”

One of the things I enjoy most about studying the Bible is that it never changes. Unlike other disciplines such as computer science or medicine, which change almost daily, the word of God is forever settled. It never changes. What I study and learn now applies today, next year, and forever. I love the feeling of learning more about the Bible and knowing it’s knowledge that will forever be and can never change.

Not only is the word of the LORD forever settled, but it’s settled in Heaven. It’s not settled upon Earth where men and sin are, but in Heaven in the very dwelling place of God. The place where we after this life go to live eternally with the LORD and the redeemed.

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Sunday, January 22, 2023		
Classes	16	Mark 2:5-22
Preaching	25	II Timothy 3:12-17
Contribution	\$946.50	
Evening	12	Amos 3:1-15
Wednesday, January 25, 2023		
Classes	15	Philippians 1:1-30

Visitors— Jan 22 (AM) Jeff Brewster (Rowletts, KY)
Jan 22 (PM) Margaret Sandidge (Hardyville, KY)

Bible Quiz

The LORD reveals His secrets unto whom?

Last Week’s Answer— The swift (Amos 2:14)

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When John was writing to the elect lady in II John, verse two says, “*For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever.*” The truth does dwell in us, and will be with us forever. I take great comfort in the fact that the word of God is forever settled and will forever be with us. Spend as much time as you can reading, learning and following the words of the Bible. They will forever be with us. —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)