

YOU SMELL SWEET!

*Exo 29:18 And you shall burn the whole ram on the altar. It is a burnt offering to the Lord; it is a **sweet aroma**, an offering made by fire to the Lord.*

There were five major sacrifices in the OT: The whole burnt offering, the peace offering, the meal offering, the sin offering, and the trespass offering. When these five sacrifices were burnt as God prescribed they became a sweet aroma to God. The sacrifices that God prescribed all represented His Son. The whole burnt offering, the peace offering, and the meal offering all represented the perfection of Jesus which were offered to God in our behalf. The sin and trespass offerings represented the guilt of our sins and trespasses that were placed upon Jesus when He died in our place. Notice it took more sacrifices (three of them) to depict the glories of Jesus and His righteous life than the sacrifices that depicted the results of man's sin and fall (two of them). God's holiness and righteousness are always greater than man's sin! All of these sacrifices recorded in the Bible tell us that they became a sweet aroma to God when burnt on His Holy altar. The Lord Jesus Christ as our sacrifice was a soothing and sweet smell to His Father when He died for us.

*(Eph 5:2) And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a **sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma**.*

When we come to God on the basis of His Son then we bear His smell. This smell calls forth His blessing upon us. Let's see this in a type in the Old Testament.

Gen 27:26 Then his father Isaac said to him, "Come near now and kiss me, my son."

*Gen 27:27 And he came near and kissed him; and **he smelled the smell of his clothing, and blessed him** and said: "**Surely, the smell of my Son is like the smell of a field which the Lord has blessed**.*

Gen 27:28 Therefore may God give you of the dew of heaven, of the fatness of the earth, and plenty of grain and wine.

These verses speak of how Jacob came to get the family blessing from His father. Jacob and his mother devised a plan on how he could get this blessing even though he was not the eldest brother. Jacob put on the garments of his elder brother which had a certain smell that Isaac His Father enjoyed. He put on the garments of the first born. **Once Isaac smelled the garments of the elder brother upon Jacob he blessed him saying, "Surely, the smell of my Son is like the smell of a field which the Lord has blessed. Therefore (or, *because of this smell*) may God give you of the dew of heaven, and of the fatness of the earth, and plenty of grain and wine.** The smell brought forth the blessing. Even though Jacob was completely unworthy of receiving any blessing he still got it because the smell his father's eldest Son was upon him which caused Isaac to pour the blessings out upon Him.

In like manner it is the smell of God's Son that attracts and calls for our Father's blessing upon us! It is the righteousness of His Son that is given to us by faith that is the basis for God outpouring His blessing upon us. This righteousness is a soothing and sweet smell to God. This righteousness clothes us and although in the natural, in our selves, we are not deserving of the least of God's blessings just like Jacob, we still receive our Father's blessings. This is because we are clothed in the clothing of our elder brother! We are wearing the blessed clothes of the firstborn of God! When we go to the Father to kiss Him we need to come to Him wearing the clothes of our brother Jesus. We must come to kiss the Father wearing the robe of righteousness. When we do this the Father smells His firstborn Son on us! We do this when our faith and trust is in Jesus' work and not our own. If we come to God upon the basis of our merit or trying to qualify to receive from God by our own obedience then we actually stink to God. Our righteousnesses are but filthy stinky rags. (Isaiah 64:6) When we come to God on the basis of the finished work of His Son, then we smell like His Son whom He has blessed. **When we come with this smell, the Father will give us the dew of heaven (spiritual blessings-peace, joy, etc), the fat of the earth (fat represents earthly prosperity), and plenty of grain and new wine (this is fruitful service of winning souls and seeing them filled with the Spirit).**

Many are concerned that if God's blessings come because of Jesus and not because of personal merit or personal holiness that this will cause us to grow cold towards God and live in sin. This would be the case if God blessings didn't rest upon the sacrifice of His Son in our

behalf. If God just blessed us indiscriminately for no reason, then we would come to the conclusion that God does not really care about sin or holiness anymore. God forbid! God is so holy that He made Jesus suffer His wrath to pay for our sins. It is only on this basis that God's blessings can and are given to us. When we come to God valuing the sacrifice of Christ rightly it will cause us to hate and despise sin. It will cause us to turn from sin. The valuation of what it took for God to bless us and the fact that we are now righteous in Christ will empower us to live a God honoring life. It is actually God's goodness that leads us to repentance. (Romans 2:4) Repentance in the Greek literally means to change your mind, which lead to a change in action. Our thoughts and actions will change once we know, contemplate, and trust in what it took for God to bless us which meant the sacrificing the innocent Lord Jesus Christ- His own Son. **In the OT people who brought their lamb for sacrifice actually had to cut its throat and watch it bleed and die. I guarantee seeing this innocent lamb die under your own hand would cause you to think differently about your sin!** When we keep in mind what Christ did for us and what it cost God to forgive us of our sins and so that God could bless us, it causes us to have a holy awe and reverence for God and the things of God. It is only when we fail to think upon these things does our life become cold towards God and sin does not seem too big a deal any longer! As Christians when we are unmoved from our faith in Christ and His finished work in our behalf we take on the aroma of Christ!

2Co 2:15 (Amp) **For we are the sweet fragrance of Christ** [*which exhales*] **unto God**, [*discernible alike*] among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing:

This verse says that we are the sweet fragrance of Christ to God. Also, we are a sweet fragrance to those who are willing to turn to God and be saved, but we are a stench to those who refuse and spurn the Savior. We smell like death to them. When we stand in our righteousness from God we smell sweet to God and receive His blessings but we also become effective in our spiritual witness because those looking for an answer in their life will discern something different about us! They will see the radiance on our faces and smell something sweet about us! Place your focus continually on Christ as your standing before the Father and you will shine and you will smell sweet to God and to those looking for God!

You smell so goooooooooood in Jesus!!!!!!!!!!!!!!