

Fragrance of Heaven

2 Corinthians 2:14-17 (TPT)

14 God always makes his grace visible in Christ, who includes us as partners of his endless triumph. Through our yielded lives he spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of God everywhere we go.

15 We have become the unmistakable aroma *of the victory* of the Anointed One to God—a perfume of life to those being saved and the odor of death to those who are perishing.

16 “The unbelievers smell a deadly stench that leads to death, but believers smell the life-giving aroma that leads to abundant life. And who of us can rise to this challenge?”

17 For unlike so many, we are not peddlers of God’s Word who water down the message. We are those sent from God with pure motives, who speak in the sight of God from our union with Christ.”

What are you cooking?

Everyone is cooking something in the kitchen of life.

What you are cooking will get on you!!

Ex: When I cook curry. Wes Perrault faithful greeter at the door - Cologne

What ingredients are you using?

Ingredients of the Holy Spirit or flesh. Fear or love?

Ex: curry - the ingredients is where the flavor is.

Who is attracted to you and who are you attracted to?

People are attracted to your fragrance.

Mark 14:3-9 Jesus Is Anointed for His Death and Burial

3 Now Jesus was in Bethany, in the home of Simon, a man Jesus had healed of leprosy.[a] And as he was reclining at the table,[b] a woman came into the house, holding an alabaster flask.[c] It was filled with the highest quality of fragrant and expensive oil.[d] *She walked right up to Jesus, and with a gesture of extreme devotion,* she broke the flask and poured out the precious oil over his head. **4** But some were

highly indignant when they saw this, and they complained to one another, saying, “What a total waste! **5** It could have been sold for a great sum,^[e] and the money could have benefited the poor.” So they scolded her harshly

The religious spirit or fear will always focus on what is wasted. Heaven is celebrates what is surrendered!

Humility and generosity will always releases fragrance of Christ in through us!

6 Jesus said to them, “Leave her alone! Why are you so critical of this woman? She has honored me with this beautiful act of kindness. **7** For you will always have the poor, whom you can help whenever you want, but you will not always have me. **8** When she poured the fragrant oil over me, she was preparing my body in advance of my burial.^[f] She has done all that she could to honor me. **9** I promise you that as this wonderful gospel spreads all over the world, the story of her lavish devotion to me will be mentioned in memory of her.”^[g]

You and I are the alabaster jar and Christ is the fragrant oil.

Christmas - Releasing His fragrance!

Footnotes

- a. Mark 14:3 An alabaster flask would itself be considered a luxury item in that day. Alabaster was a type of gypsum, very white and possibly translucent. It was found in caves and in limestone deposits.
- b. Mark 14:3 This was spikenard (or nard), a spice taken from a plant that grows in northern India near the Himalayas. Many believe this jar of spikenard would have cost the average worker a year’s wages. It was a common practice among the Jews to prepare a body for burial with fragrant ointment. John records that it was about twelve ounces of perfume, which would have dripped down all of Jesus’ garments to his feet (John 12:3).