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# SCENT, FRAGRANT, FRAGRANCE, ODOUR, ODOURS, ODOR, SMELL, SMELLETH, SMELLING, SMELLS, SMELLED

God can enjoy **smells**.

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When God **smelled** the sweet savor of Noah's burnt offerings, He said in His heart that He would never again curse the ground because of the fact that every imagination of the heart of mankind was evil from youth.

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smite any more every thing living, as I have done."

The clothing that Jacob wore when he went to see Isaac (to steal Esau's blessing) **smelled** like the fields (where Esau hunted).

- **Genesis 27:26-27:** "And his father Isaac said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son. And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the LORD hath blessed:"

Idols have no sense of **smell**.

- **Deuteronomy 4:28:** "And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell."

After Ehud assassinated Eglon king of Moab, when the king's servants saw that the doors of the king's parlor were locked they thought he was having a bowel movement. (This is most likely because of the **smell**, since the king's intestines had come out after he was stabbed).

- **Judges 3:21-24:** "And Ehud put forth his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly: And the haft also went in after the blade; and the fat closed upon the blade, so that he could not draw the dagger out of his belly; and the dirt came out. Then Ehud went forth through the porch, and shut the doors of the parlour upon him, and locked them. When he was gone out, his servants came; and when they saw that, behold, the doors of the parlour were locked, they said, Surely he

covereth his feet in his summer chamber."

God said that horses could **smell** battle from a great distance away.

- **Job 39:19, 25:** "Hast thou given the horse strength? hast thou clothed his neck with thunder? ... He saith among the trumpets, Ha, ha; and he smelleth the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting."

The psalmist said that all the garments of the king **smell** of myrrh, aloes, and cassia.

- **Psalm 45:1, 8:** "My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer. ... All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad."

The idols of pagans have noses, but can't **smell**.

- **Psalm 115:6:** "They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not:"

The woman liked the **scent** of her beloved (Solomon). (Camphire is a shrub that bears fragrant flowers.)

- **Song of Solomon 1:14:** "My beloved is unto me as a cluster of camphire in the vineyards of Engedi."

Solomon came for his beloved when the grapevine was giving off a pleasant **scent**.

- **Song of Solomon 2:13:** "The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

Solomon told his beloved that the **smell** of her perfume was better than the smell of all other spices.

- **Song of Solomon 4:10:** "How fair is thy love, my sister, my spouse! how much better is thy love than wine! and the smell of thine ointments than all spices!"

Solomon told his beloved that he liked the way her clothing **smelled**.

- **Song of Solomon 4:11:** "Thy lips, O my spouse, drop as the honeycomb: honey and milk are under thy tongue; and the smell of thy garments is like the smell of Lebanon."

In ancient times, Lebanon had a distinctive **smell** that people found pleasant. (Lebanon was famous for its cedar trees.)

- **Song of Solomon 4:11:** "Thy lips, O my spouse, drop as the honeycomb: honey and milk are under thy tongue; and the smell of thy garments is like the smell of Lebanon."

Solomon liked the way his beloved's nose **smelled**.

- **Song of Solomon 7:8:** "I said, I will go up to the palm tree, I will take hold of the boughs thereof: now also thy breasts shall be as clusters of the vine, and the smell of thy nose like apples;"

When God punished Judah, He was going to take away the sweet **smells** from Jewish women and replace them with foul odors.

- **Isaiah 3:24:** "And it shall come to pass, that instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and instead of well set hair baldness; and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth; and burning instead of beauty."

When God spoke against Moab, He said the **scent** of Moab remained (because the nation hadn't gone into captivity). (Moab was compared to wine that was allowed to rest and hadn't been poured from one vessel to another, which impacted its scent.)

- **Jeremiah 48:11:** "Moab hath been at ease from his youth, and he hath settled on his lees, and hath not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither hath he gone into captivity: therefore his taste remained in him, and his scent is not changed."

Tyrus sold calamus (a **fragrant** plant) and cassia (the fragrant bark of a tree) in their marketplace.

- **Ezekiel 27:3, 19:** "And say unto Tyrus, O thou that art situate at the entry of the sea, which art a merchant of the people for many isles, Thus saith the Lord God; O Tyrus, thou hast said, I am of perfect beauty. ... Dan also and Javan going to and fro occupied in thy fairs: bright iron, cassia, and calamus, were in thy market."

The place of graves for Gog's army (which will attack Israel in the end times and be defeated) will **smell** terrible.

- **Ezekiel 39:11:** "And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea: and it shall stop the noses of the passengers: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call it The valley of Hamongog."

After Nebuchadnezzar commanded the three Jews to come out of the fiery furnace, everyone saw that they had no **smell** of fire or smoke on them at all.

- **Daniel 3:26-27:** "Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the midst of the fire. And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them."

God said that if Israel repented of their sins and returned to Him, their **smell** would be like Lebanon (a place known for its cedar trees).

- **Hosea 14:1-2, 6:** "O Israel, return unto the Lord thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. Take with you words, and turn to the Lord: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of

our lips. ... His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon."

Those who dwell under the shadow of God will **smell** like the wine of Lebanon (a place known for its cedar trees).

- **Hosea 14:7:** "They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine: the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon."

When God punished the Israelites for their sins, He filled their camps with horrible **smells**.

- **Amos 4:1, 10:** "Hear this word, ye kine of Bashan, that are in the mountain of Samaria, which oppress the poor, which crush the needy, which say to their masters, Bring, and let us drink. ... I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, and have taken away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camps to come up unto your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD."

When Mary anointed the feet of Jesus with ointment, the house was filled with its **odor**.

- **John 12:3:** "Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment."

If the human body had ears but no nose then it wouldn't be



able to **smell**. That function would be missing. (The point is that the church needs all of its parts in order to function properly.)

- **1 Corinthians 12:17:** "If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?"

The gift that the Philippian church gave to Paul was a sweet **smell** to the Lord. (In other words, it pleased God.)

- **Philippians 4:18:** "But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God."

# STINK, STANK, STINKETH, STINKING

God told Moses that when He turned the Nile river into blood, it was going to **stink**.

- **Exodus 7:17-18:** "Thus saith the Lord, In this thou shalt know that I am the Lord: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood. And the fish that is in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall lothe to drink of the water of the river."

After God turned the Nile river into blood, it **stank**.

- **Exodus 7:20-21:** "And Moses and Aaron did so, as the Lord commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood. And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt."

When the frogs died throughout the land of Egypt, the land **stank**.

- **Exodus 8:12-14:** "And Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh: and Moses cried unto the Lord because of the frogs which he had brought against Pharaoh. And the Lord did according to the word of Moses; and the frogs died out of the houses, out of the villages, and out of the fields. And they gathered them together upon heaps: and the land stank."

When manna was kept until the next day, it **stank**.

- **Exodus 16:20:** "Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and stank: and Moses was wroth with them."

When the Israelites kept manna until the morning of the seventh day, it didn't **stink**.

- **Exodus 16:22-24:** "And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one man: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses. And he said unto them, This is that which the Lord hath said, To morrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the Lord: bake that which ye will bake to day, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning. And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein."

Job said that his breath was corrupt. (It seems his health issues impacted his breath and made it **stink**.)

- **Job 17:1:** "My breath is corrupt, my days are extinct, the graves are ready for me."

Dead flies in ointment causes it to **stink**.

- **Ecclesiastes 10:1:** "Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour: so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honour."

God warned that in the end times, the people who were going to die when He poured out His wrath upon the nations would **stink** (because no one would bury them).

- **Isaiah 34:1-3:** "Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it. For the indignation of the Lord is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter. Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcases, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood."

When fish die, they **stink**.

- **Isaiah 50:2:** "Wherefore, when I came, was there no man? when I called, was there none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stinketh, because there is no water, and dieth for thirst."

God said that in the end times, when His priests cried out to Him, He would drive the northern army away and make them **stink**.

- **Joel 2:20:** "But I will remove far off from you the northern army, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great

things."

There are times when God punishes a nation for its sins by making it **stink**.

- **Amos 4:10:** "I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, and have taken away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camps to come up unto your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD."

Martha told Jesus that Lazarus had been dead for so long that he would **stink** (because he had been dead for four days).

- **John 11:39:** "Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days."