

oil...the sure mark of separation...note its use in the anointing of the king, priest, cleansed leper, and at times the prophet.

frankincense...a fragrance that apparently designates the acceptability of the offering to God.

It is apparent that the worshipper is offering of himself and his substance to God.

2:2...shall bring it to Aaron's sons...the emphasis on order in all of the offerings is apparent

his handful...not all of the flour is used immediately...this portion is most clearly representative of the worshipper.

all the frankincense...whereas he takes a portion of the flour and the oil, he adds all the frankincense

the priest shall burn the memorial of it... that is, the representative part

a sweet savour

2:3...and the remnant..what is not used in the memorial belongs to Aaron and his sons.

...a thing most holy...just so we do not lose sight of the picture.

This is really the first phase of instruction and relates to flour, oil, etc., normal household items that anyone could bring to indicate fellowship with God and the practical consecration of goods. As we will note later with other offerings, the well being of those who served God depended to a large extent on the worshipful generosity of those in the camp who also worshipped God. If the worship level were low...the sustenance level was low.

2:4...a meal offering baked ..in this case the flour has already been used...cakes are being offered.

unleavened cakes...or wafers...we begin to pick up on the unadulterated concept of the content by the omission of any leaven or similar substance that might have given the cake body that it did not really have.

2:5...baked in a pan...as is slightly contrasted with 2:4 and a cake baked in an oven. There is no excellence one over the other, the writer is simply touching all bases.

2:7...a frying pan...as above and note the presence of the oil on all of these.

We think there is no frankincense on these since 1) it is not a cooking spice and 2) the aroma of the baked goods would be a sufficient sweet savour.

2:9...a memorial thereof...the process returns to the action of 2:2

2:10..and what is left...again will be the portion of Aaron's sons

2:11..no leaven nor any honey...and while we do not know for sure we think the idea is that no foreign substance is present to make the offering seem to be what it is not.