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GOD'S MANIFEST PRESENCE AND GLORY

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We have seen that sometimes God manifests His presence in a way that our physical senses can tell it. A cloud, like smoke is one way, and fire is another way. There is also a third way, namely by a sweet-smelling fragrance, a sweet odor.

Throughout scripture, oils or incense in the tabernacle and temple were used to send up a sweet odor unto God. In fact, God required them to offer these up to him as an act of obedience.

Just like God loved that sweet fragrance that was offered up to him, there are occasional times that he will send us his sweet fragrance as we worship him. This lets us know how pleased he is with our worship, and he sends that sweet fragrance (perfume) for us to smell. It is a sign that his presence is among us at that moment. It brings a boost to our faith and our worship. It does not happen often, but when it does, it is special.

However, bear in mind that his presence is always with us even though there may be no manifestation of smoke, fire, or fragrance. His Holy Spirit abides with us and in us 24/7.

We cherish any special manifestation, but even more so we love and appreciate his continuous presence with us.