

# The Power of CEDARWOOD OIL

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**CEDAR:** a coniferous (has pinecones) tree with fragrant, strong, durable wood and of the pine family <sup>1</sup>

**CEDAR:** a symbol of incorruptibility, power, majesty, beauty, royalty, pride & judgment <sup>2</sup>

The essential oil from the Cedar (Cedarwood) tree has many powerful healing uses. It has purifying properties which is seen historically throughout the ancient Egyptian Culture and the Holy Bible. Cedarwood essential oil is widely used for its strong aromatic properties in methods of inhalation or use in a room diffuser.



The fragrance of Cedarwood essential oil is known for reaching the center of the emotional realm and its calming effect that it produces on the entire body.

## Here are some common uses:

- Combating hair loss
- Sinusitis
- Skin conditions
- Congestion
- Sedative
- Antibacterial
- Insect repellent
- Antiseptic
- Purification
- Restful sleep

Throughout the Bible there are many references to; Cedar, Cedarwood, *Cedars of Lebanon* and also referenced as cypress or pine. *The Cedar of Lebanon is a metaphor for lavish abundance.*

## CEDARS OF LEBANON

Lebanon is a type of Eden, a standard of earthly glory<sup>3</sup>. The **Cedars** of Lebanon are considered the BEST of the Best, none...none could compare, they were fit for a king. King Solomon made Cedarwood trees abundant during his reign and had a royal forest of Cedarwood trees. (*Nehemiah 2:8; 2Chronicles 1:15, 9:27*)

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**STRONGS (H) #977:** choice, desired, the best, elite, men, preferred, finest, selected

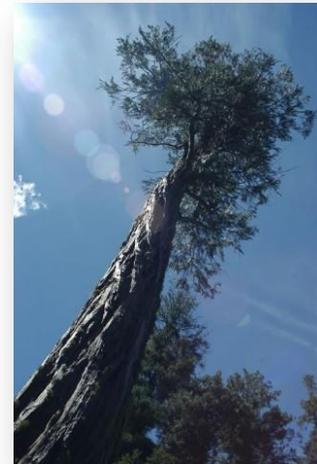
The oldest book of the Bible, Job speaks of the Behemoth the great and powerful creature, its tail as being as strong as **cedar**. *Job 40:17*

## THE BELOVED:

- The bride describes her Beloved as; *His legs are pillars of marble set on bases of fine gold. His countenance is like Lebanon, Excellent as the cedars. Song of Songs 5:15*

## THE BRIDE:

- *The righteous will flourish like a palm tree; they will grow like a cedar in the Lebanon. Planted in the house of ADONAI, they will flourish in the courtyards of our God. Even in old age they will be vigorous, still full of sap (oil - Holy Spirit), still bearing fruit. Psalm 92:12-14 (CJB)*
- *The trees of the Lord are full of sap, the cedars of Lebanon which He planted, where the birds make their nests; the stork has her home in the fir trees. Psalm 104:16-17*



## NATIONS-LEADERS-KINGS:

- *Thus says the Lord God: "I will take also one of the highest branches of the high cedar and set it out I will crop off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and will plant it on a high and prominent mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it; and it will bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a majestic cedar. Under it will dwell birds of every sort; in the shadow of its branches they will dwell. And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the Lord, have brought down the high tree and exalted the low tree, dried up the green tree and made the dry tree flourish; I, the Lord, have spoken and have done it." Ezekiel 17:22-24.*



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We see from the above scripture in Ezekiel that it reads like a parable. Continuing to read in Ezekiel we see this again in chapter 31. It is speaking of strong nations, topmost leaders and powerful kings and God's Judgment...the proud and lofty will be humbled. Beloved, we must keep our leadership, international leader and the nations as a top priority in our prayer time because; like never before we are seeing leaders, ministries and nations crumble at the hand of God. They do not place God as the final authority, they rely on flesh (mans ways) which are not higher than God's ways. ...and they will be humbled.

*...For out of Zion shall go forth the law and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations... Isaiah 2: 3-4*

## PURIFICATION-CLEANSING:

- *And the priest shall take **cedar wood** and hyssop and scarlet, and cast them into the midst of the fire burning the heifer. Numbers 19:6*
- *Then the priest shall command to take for him who is to be cleansed two living and clean birds, **cedar wood**, scarlet, and hyssop. And the priest shall command that one of the birds be killed in an earthen vessel over running water. As for the living bird, he shall take it, the **cedar wood** and the scarlet and the hyssop, and dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird that was killed over the running water. Leviticus 14:4-6*

Cedarwood was an important ingredient in the purification process and a common aroma associated with priestly service. Cedarwood has a strong content of essential oil and Biblical priests used it for the atonement of sin before the LORD as well as for removing uncleanness (like leprosy) from the physical body and dwelling places. (Read entire chapter - Leviticus 14)

Cedarwood essential oil is powerful and we use it often in our modern culture today. Some of the cosmetics on the market use Cedarwood oil. It can be found in perfumes as a supportive ingredient which brings cohesiveness to the product and add a spicy scent especially to men's cologne.

As a priesthood of believers we would benefit from using this aromatic oil in our daily lives as purification for our bodies, presenting them unto the LORD (ADONAI) as a living sacrifice wholly pleasing unto Him. We can do this by

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applying the Cedarwood essential oil as a healing to our temple (physical bodies) of uncleanness and disease as well as a purging of our dwelling places.

Additionally, Cedarwood oil is calming to body, soul and spirit and a potential ingredient we too can incorporate into our lives as... daily temple maintenance.

Diffused into a room, Cedarwood oil can help to oxygenate the brain and bring about mental clarity. (The priests applied the oil mixture to the tip of the right toe, the tip of the right thumb and the top of the right ear. *(Leviticus 14:16 & 28)*) The aroma of the oil mixture was diffused into their person space by applying it to these 3 points on the body.

*Note: Cedarwood oil when applied to the skin must be used with a carrier oil such as pure olive oil or jojoba oil. Pour a dab of olive oil into your palm and add a couple of drops of Cedarwood oil, then put your hands together and mix the two oils together well before applying to skin. Test a patch on the skin if there is sensitivity involved.*



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