



Incensed!

Personal Processing Through Prayer

Roar of the Roses

Discovery Four: Part B

Discovery Four: Prayer is a means of survival that brings our temperaments under control.

*“Then the Lord said to Moses, Take sweet spices—stacte, **onycha**, and galbanum, sweet spices with pure frankincense, an equal amount of each—³⁵ And make of them incense, a perfume after the perfumer’s art, seasoned with salt and mixed, pure and sacred.” –Exodus*

30:34-35

15. The rockrose dislikes pruning, which requires that the dead, weak and damaged parts of the plant be cut away to preserve the health of the plant and make it more productive.

16. As spiritual survivalists, we need to understand that we all must go through seasons of pruning. The amount of time we spend with God in personal prayer will determine our response to correction.

17. In addition to a strong dislike of pruning, the rockrose resents root disturbance. This is encouragement for us to become rooted and grounded in our walk with Christ through prayer. If that is not established early in our relationship with God, we will not do well.

18. The rockrose is especially resistant to wildfires because it casts its seeds deep within the soil during the growth season but the seeds do not germinate the next season.

19. There are two possible responses when the trials come in our lives. We can crack under the pressure and heat, or we can break forth with glory.

20. Connecting with God through prayer deepens our relationship with Him and provides a greater layer of protection for our minds and hearts because the more time we spend with Him, the more we are convinced we can trust Him.

21. Our desired response when the heat is on is to be more like Christ.

22. The entire rockrose bush becomes sticky with labdanum during hot weather...its fragrance is most apparent in summer in the early morning.

23. One of the key things to remember as we establish ourselves as spiritual survivalists is to pray early in every situation. When all of the signs are there that an issue is heating up, sticking close to God through prayer is the best way to keep the fragrance of Christ strong in our lives.

Next Week:

Humble and Broken