

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

UNITY IN THE CHURCH

PSALMS 133

Text: Psalms 133:1

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¹ Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

Introduction:

This is a short psalm but it contains a great message.

It speaks of unity.

Read Psalms 133:1-3

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¹ Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! ² It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; ³ As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

A great church has a great Lord, understand her great commission, demonstrate great love for the Lord, and people, and there for will have great unity.

A great church is a unified church.

Note:

Sermon Content:

1. THE BEAUTY OF UNITY (vs. 1)

Psalm 133:1

¹ Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

The word “behold” means to look at or observe.

In other words there is something beautiful “unity” I want you to see or observe.

Why is unity so beautiful?

Notice:

A. It is the Desire of the Saviour

This is what the Saviour sought in prayer.

John 17:21

²¹ That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

It is good for brethren to dwell together in unity.

One of the greatest advertisements we have for the Lord Jesus Christ is our unity in Christ?

Unity is beautiful because it's the desire of the Saviour.

When brethren are dwelling together in unity, how sweet that is, how wonderful that is, what a blessing that is to God! It is the desire of the Savior.

Not only is this desire of the Saviour but also:

B. It is the Delight of the Saved

Psalm 133:1

*¹ Behold, **how good and how pleasant it is** for brethren to dwell together in unity!*

There's nothing sweeter on this earth than Christian fellowship.

It is the desire of the Savior; it is the delight of the saved but notice also:

C. It is the Dread of Satan

Satan does not like for God's people to be together, unified in their efforts.

The devil loves to sow discord among the brethren.

Proverbs 6:16-19

*¹⁶ These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: ¹⁷ A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸ An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, ¹⁹ A false witness that speaketh lies, and **he that soweth discord among brethren.***

We have considered the Beauty of Unity note secondly:

2. THE BASIS OF UNITY

What is the basis of our unity?

Notice what the basis of unity is.

A. Our Common Birth – “Brethren”

Psalm 133:1

¹ Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

Believers have a common Father, and, therefore we have a common family.

That is the first basis of unity.

Don't confuse unity with unison.

Illustration:

When a choir sings they often sing different parts. Not everyone sings the same note.

Understand God puts different members in the Body, and we don't have to be a church full of clones to have unity.

Nor is it uniformity.

The difference between unity and uniformity is this – uniformity comes from pressure from without, unity comes from a life within.

Nor is it union.

You can be in a union and not have unity.

Our common birth is made possible only by salvation.

Not only is Our Common Birth a Basis of Unity but also:

Let us consider one final thought regarding unity in the church and that is:

3. THE BLESSING OF UNITY

Psalm 133:3

³ As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

Unity is compared to the dew of Hermon.

Notice:

A. How Does Dew Come

- It Comes Sweetly; Secretly; and Silently

When you get up in the morning, and you go out early in the morning, the dew is all over the grass and it sparkles like diamonds.

It's fresh every morning; it's not stale. It comes sweetly

Where does the dew come from?

It's actually in the air, but it distills when conditions are just right, what we call the dew point, and then dew just distills.

It also comes silently.

It doesn't come with a bang. It doesn't come with a thunder. It doesn't come with the flashing of the lightning like a thunderstorm.

It just distills in the air, and it's there upon the ground.

This is what unity is like.

You don't work it up. It doesn't come with cheerleader enthusiasm. You can't enforce it. You can't make it come.

A church of unity is like the freshness of the morning, there is a sweetness about it.

Close:

May our desire be as that of our Saviour – Unity in the Church.