

Evening Sermon / January 30, 2022 / Psalm 133 “Ascending to Blessed Unity”

**A Song of Ascents. Of David.**

**<sup>1</sup> Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity! <sup>2</sup> *It is* like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments. <sup>3</sup> *It is* like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing— Life forevermore.**  
Psalm 133:1–3 (NKJV)

*I. It is the unity of brethren –*

**<sup>1</sup> Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity! Psalm 133:1 (NKJV)**

*1. These brothers were not always unified -*

**<sup>3</sup> Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of *many* colors. <sup>4</sup> But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him. Genesis 37:3–4 (NKJV)**

*2. It is NOT unusual for brothers / or families to be divided –*

**<sup>8</sup> Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him. Genesis 4:8 (NKJV)**

*3. Even Christian families and churches, church people are far from perfect –*

*A. This is why we need, and are exhorted Biblically, to be patient and forgiving with each other –*

**<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*. <sup>14</sup> But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. Colossians 3:12-14 (NKJV)**

*B. Christians who have studied Scripture, Christian who know their SELVES, know they are sinners –*

**<sup>10</sup> As it is written: “*There is none righteous, no, not one; <sup>11</sup> There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. <sup>12</sup> They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one.*” Romans 3:10–12 (NKJV)**

*Jay E. Adams in his book, “CHRISTIAN LIVING IN THE HOME” asked the question, “what does a truly Christian home look like?” His answer includes this “The parents in the home fail ... The children fail too... they bring home report cards with D’s and F’s, and throw tantrums in the shopping mall” ... “Husbands and wives quarrel, get irritated with one another, and often have serious misunderstandings...”*

*C. If Christians fail this way, an ungodly world does too ... an ungodly world tries to force unity, an ungodly world too often refuses to admit and deal with sin ....*

*D. Aaron mentioned in the next verse, was a priest, priests dealt with sin ... UNITY, BEAUTIFUL UNITY WAS ACHIEVED!*

*II. It is the unity of Holy Spirit anointing –*

<sup>2</sup> **It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments. Psalm 133:2 (NKJV)**

1. *The precious oil mentioned here is the oil of anointing. The picture painted by this verse is the anointing of Aaron as a priest –*

<sup>10</sup> **‘He who is the high priest among his brethren, on whose head the anointing oil was poured ... Leviticus 21:10 A (NKJV)**

2. *The oil priests were anointed with was symbolic of the Holy Spirit. The offices in Israel were anointed: prophet, priest and king –*

A. *Oil was symbolic*

B. *The Holy Spirit was given to enable men to rule and minister wisely, truthfully, justly as empower by God.*

3. *The Holy Spirit also provided God’s people the fruit of the Spirit –*

<sup>22</sup> **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. <sup>24</sup> And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Galatians 5:22–24 (NKJV)**

4. *Truly, having God’s Spirit enhanced God’s people’s unity and fellowship –*

<sup>16</sup> **But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> ‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; ... Acts 2:16–17 A (NKJV)**

*I believe these later verses show us what the Spirit enabled among these people -*

<sup>44</sup> **Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, <sup>45</sup> and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. Acts 2:44–45 (NKJV)**

*III. It is the unity of blessing, and eternal life –*

<sup>3</sup> **It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing— Life forevermore. Psalm 133:3 (NKJV)**

1. *Water from the mountains, brings springtime refreshment, just as the Spirit brings refreshment to our souls –*

<sup>13</sup> **He waters the hills from His upper chambers; The earth is satisfied with the fruit of Your works. Psalm 104:13 (NKJV)**

<sup>30</sup> **You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of the earth. Psalm 104:30 (NKJV)**

*There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place ...*

2. *It is the Spirit Who gives life –*

<sup>63</sup> **It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. John 6:63 (NKJV)**

3. *This spiritual life, includes supernatural love and unity –*

<sup>34</sup> **A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:34–35 (NKJV)**

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