

The Beauty of Unity: A Devotional Study of Psalm 133

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!”—Psalm 133:1

Psalm 133 is a short yet powerful celebration of unity among God’s people. This unity is not based on uniformity of personality, preference, or position—it flows from a shared reverence for God and mutual love for one another. The psalm opens with a divine exclamation: *“Behold!”*—as if inviting us to stop, look, and reflect on just how rare, beautiful, and refreshing true unity really is.

Verse 1: The Delight of Unity

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

Unity among believers is both good (morally right) and pleasant (experientially joyful). It’s a reflection of God’s nature—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in perfect fellowship—and it is something He desires for His people.

Personal Application:

Do I promote unity in the body of Christ, or do I allow pride, opinions, or preferences to cause division? Unity doesn’t mean we all agree on everything—it means we value each other above disagreements. The next time conflict arises, ask: *Am I contributing to peace or tension?*

Verse 2: Unity is Like Sacred Anointing Oil

“It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down to the edge of his garments.”

This vivid imagery recalls the anointing of Aaron, the high priest (Exodus 29:7). The oil represented the Spirit of God, consecrating Aaron for holy service. The picture here is one of abundance and consecration—the oil wasn’t dabbed, it flowed, covering him completely.

Personal Application:

Unity in the body of Christ is a spiritual anointing—it reflects the presence of God in our relationships. When we walk in unity, we’re not just getting along—we’re ministering in the power and grace of the Holy Spirit. Are my relationships within the body marked by grace, humility, and a Spirit-led love?

Verse 3: Unity is Like the Dew of Mount Hermon

“It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; for there the LORD commanded the blessing—life forevermore.”

Mount Hermon was known for its refreshing dew, which brought life and nourishment in a dry region. The dew symbolizes life-giving refreshment, quietly and consistently descending from above.

Personal Application:

Unity is not loud or flashy—it’s like dew. Quiet, steady, and life-giving. When the church walks in

unity, it refreshes weary souls, restores broken hearts, and nurtures spiritual growth. Are my words and actions contributing to that kind of refreshing atmosphere?

Final Reflection: Unity is a Commanded Blessing

The psalm concludes with this profound truth: *“There the LORD commanded the blessing—life forevermore.”* Unity isn’t just desirable—it’s blessed. It’s in the place of unity that God’s life flows freely. He commands blessing where His people walk together in love.

Let’s be honest—disunity is easy. It takes no effort to criticize, divide, or separate. But unity takes intentional humility, a heart aligned with Christ, and a willingness to serve others above self.

Key Takeaways:

Insight	Symbol	Application
Unity is good and pleasant	Moral and joyful	Do I treasure peace with others?
Unity is like sacred oil	Spirit-filled and consecrated	Am I helping others feel covered and valued in Christ?
Unity is like dew	Quiet, consistent, life-giving	Does my presence refresh others in the body?

Prayer:

*Lord, give me a heart that values unity the way You do.
Help me to walk in humility, to pursue peace, and to be a vessel of Your love and grace.
Let my life reflect the anointing and refreshment that unity brings.
In Jesus’ name, Amen.*