

I. David’s Declaration About Unity (1)

“Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!”

Jeremiah 32:38-39 - “They shall be My people, and I will be their God. 39 I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them.”

Philippians 2:1-5 - “So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”

1 Peter 3:8-10 - “Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. 9 Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.”

II. David’s Illustrations About Unity (2-3a)

A. He compares it to a worship anointing (2) - “It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!”

B. He compares it to a hopeful refreshing {sunrise; new day} (3) - “It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!”

III. David’s Revelation About Unity (3b)

“For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.”

Psalm 34:8-15 - “Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him! 9 Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no lack! 10 The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. 11 Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. 12 What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good? 13 Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. 14 Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. 15 The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and His ears toward their cry.”

James 3:17-18 - “The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. 18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.”

Of the 9 pronouncements of Blessing in Matthew 5, five of them are given in the context of our relationships with others

“Blessed are the meek...Blessed are the merciful...Blessed are the peacemakers...Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake...Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account.”