November 25th – The Goodness of Unity

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"
(Psalm 133:1)

Have you noticed how much division there is in the world today? All over the globe, nations are at war with one another. Evil dictators are threatening to launch nuclear missiles toward rival countries. Even in our country the division is strong. Races have divided against races in ways we haven't witnessed since the civil rights movement. The division has even reached professional sports. Football players have decided not to stand when their own country's national anthem is played.

The words of the psalmist desperately need to be heard today and every day. Notice first that his words are directed at "the brethren." In our New Testament context, I take this as a reference to the church. As followers of the Lord Jesus, there is much more that unites us than divides us. The Apostle Paul said, "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all" (Eph. 4:4-6).

The world will never find peace until there is unity in the church. Stop to consider "how good and how pleasant" it is when the church works together without fussing and fighting. When the children of Israel returned to their homeland, they found it decimated. They joined hands, rolled up their sleeves, and got busy rebuilding the wall. Because the people had a mind to work, the wall was completed in only 52 days! So brothers and sisters, let us set us aside our differences and pursue the glory of God TOGETHER! We're much better together than we are apart.