THE BEAUTY OF UNITY



[Psalm 133

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3 It is like the dew of [Mount] Hermon Coming down on the hills of Zion; For there the Lord has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.." AMP

The Lord Himself is full of splendor and magnificence.

(Psalm 27:4), "One thing I have asked of the Lord, and that I will seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord [in His presence] all the days of my life, To gaze upon the beauty [the delightful loveliness and majestic grandeur] of the Lord; And to meditate in His temple."

Amp

(1 Peter 3:3-4). "Your adornment must not be merely external—with interweaving and elaborate knotting of the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or [being superficially preoccupied with] dressing in expensive clothes;

⁴ but let it be [the inner beauty of] the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality and unfading charm of a gentle and peaceful spirit, [one that is calm and self-controlled, not overanxious, but serene and spiritually mature] which is very precious in the sight of God." Amp

(1 Cor. 12:13), "For by one [Holy] Spirit we were all baptized into one body, [spiritually transformed—united together] whether Jews or Greeks (Gentiles), slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one [Holy] Spirit [since the same Holy Spirit fills each life]." Amp

Jesus prayed for His disciples,

(John 17:20,21), "I do not pray for these alone [it is not for their sake only that I make this request], but also for [all] those who [will ever] believe and trust in Me through their message,

²¹ that they all may be one; just as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be one in Us, so that the world may believe [without any doubt] that You sent Me." **Amp**

[Psalm 133] Three things about living together in unity.

- 1) It tells us <u>the goodness</u> of living together in unity.
- 2) It tells us <u>the source</u> of living together in unity.
- 3) It tells us *the blessing* of living together in unity.

I. The goodness of living together in unity (vs. 1),

"Behold! Look! Marvel at what I am about to describe to you!"

(Rom. 8:15,16), "¹⁵ For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading again to fear [of God's judgment], but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons [the Spirit producing sonship] by which we [joyfully] cry, "Abba! Father!"

¹⁶ The Spirit Himself testifies and confirms together with our spirit [assuring us] that we [believers] are children of God." Amp

II. The Source (generative force) of living together in unity (2-3a)

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- A. Notice there is a downward movement in both of these images
- B. This is a picture of hospitality and refreshing: (Psalm 23:5b), "You have anointed and refreshed my head with oil; My cup overflows." Amp
 - C. This is not just "precious oil poured on the head." "It is also running down on the beard."
 - D. It is like the dew of Hermon falling on Mount Zion

III. The blessing of living together in unity (3b) – two vital truths.

- 1) God gives his blessing where believers live together in unity.
- 2) 2) Living together in unity is a foretaste of heaven.

A. God gives his blessing where believers live together in unity

(Rom.15:5,6) Now may the God who gives endurance and who supplies encouragement grant that you be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus,

so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify and praise and honor the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

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B. Living together in unity is a foretaste of heaven,

"For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore."

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