

Finding Yourself in the Psalms
Psalm 133
A Psalm for Christian Fellowship

One truth illustrated with two pictures

133:1 UNITY is a good and pleasant thing

Some PLEASANT things are not GOOD: Heb 11:25 *“Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.”*

Some GOOD things are not PLEASANT: 2 Cor 4:17 *“For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.”*

UNITY is GOOD (moral approval) and PLEASANT (enjoyment)

ILLUSTRATED: Hezekiah at the GRAND PASSOVER . **2 Chron 30; 5, 10-12, 22-23**

133:2 TWO WORD PICTURES

1. PRECIOUS OIL.

a. Special oil. Used by the High Priest. **Ex. 30:22-33**

b. Oil also a symbol of **gladness, joy.** Psalm 45:7

c. Oil a symbol of honor, blessing. Psalm 23:5

d. “Running down on Aaron’s beard”

i. The High Priest.

ii. Running down on the collar of Aaron’s robes - over the Breastplate with 12 Stones representing the 12 tribes.

iii. UNITY

iv. The Oil drenched the breastplate. Ex. 28:15 ff *“The oil thus symbolized the unity of the nation in worship under their consecrated priest. As the oil consecrated Aaron, so the unity of the worshipers in Jerusalem would consecrate the nation under God.”*

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2. THE DEW OF HERMON

a. Currently Israel/ Lebanon/ Syria border.

b. 9200 feet

c. Headwater of the Jordan River

d. Snow capped in the winter and Spring.

e. Picture of life, vitality. Even in the hot dessert, the snow cap of Mount Hermon could be seen.

3. NT SCRIPTURES

a. John 17

b. Romans 15:5 (NIV) May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity

among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus,

- c. Romans 1:11-12 (NIV) I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong— 12 that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.
- d. Romans 15:32 (NIV) ³² so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and together with you be refreshed.
- e. Re Stephanas, Fortunatus and Achaicus 1 Corinthians 16:18 (NIV) ¹⁸ For they refreshed my spirit and yours also. Such men deserve recognition.
- f. 2 Timothy 1:16 (NIV) ¹⁶ May the Lord show mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains.
- g. **Philemon 7 (NIV) ⁷ Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the saints.**