

Unity: How Good and Pleasant It Is!

Psalm 133

- I. **Anointing with oil was used to symbolize God’s authorization and empowerment of a king or other representative, such as a priest, for divine service. In the New Testament we are called a “royal priesthood” (I Peter 2:9, 10).**
 - A. When God’s people live together in unity, it is pleasant; “For there the Lord bestows His blessing (His anointing) (Psalm 133:1-3; Acts 2:42-47).
 - B. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 is a simple statement of how things work best in the Kingdom of God, “Two are better than one.”
 1. Provision (Ecclesiastes 4:9)
 2. Protection (Ecclesiastes 4:10-11)
 3. Power (Ecclesiastes 4:12) - In Genesis 11:5-9, God took away the anointing of unity, because the people began to use it for wickedness.
 - C. Consider what happens with the possibility of corporate obedience and unity. We need to keep our eyes on the prize (Leviticus 26:3-8).

- II. **God has brought together a mighty nation (The Church). It is the salt and light of the earth. We are the “holy nation” among the nations (Matthew 5:13-16).**
 - A. The Church is one in Spirit but diverse in language and culture (Acts 2:1-21).
 - B. We are all given the one Spirit to drink (I Corinthians 12:12-13). And this gift is for everyone who turns to Jesus (Acts 2:37-39).
 - C. The result is a holy nation able to accomplish God’s end-time purposes on the earth (Matthew 24:14; John 17:20-23). One Church, One Spirit, One Voice—bringing the nations to God.
 - D. What the Spirit wants to do in every church in every nation (Acts 2:42-47)
 - E. The greatest challenge for The Church is always division (Ananias and Sapphira, Acts 5:1-11; The Choosing of the Seven, Acts 6:1-7).

- III. **The nuclear reactor in the heart of every church**
 - A. God intends for nothing to be impossible for those who come together in Jesus’ name (Matthew 18:18-20).
 - B. What does it mean to “agree?”
 1. It means “to come together” (Matthew 18:20; Acts 2:44).
 2. It means to relationally harmonize (sumphoneo).
 - a. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is the key.
 - b. Agreeing with the Spirit of truth (Matthew 18:15-17; James 5:16-20)
 - c. Forgiving and loving one another (Matthew 18:21-35)
 3. Agreeing means to thoroughly believe in our prayers to bind and loose in Jesus’ name (Matthew 18:18-20).
 - C. A mystery—how those closest to one another, especially married couples, don’t turn their agreement into miracles

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