

Christ Revealed in Psalms
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Jehovah's Commanded Blessing of Life on Brothers Who Dwell Together in Oneness

Psalm 133

1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell in unity!

2 It is like the fine oil upon the head that ran down upon the beard, upon Aaron's beard, that ran down upon the hem of his garments;

3 Like the dew of Hermon that came down upon the mountains of Zion. For there Jehovah commanded the blessing: Life forever.

Further Scripture Reading: Exo. 30:23-25; 1 Cor. 15:45; Heb. 5:4-5; 1 John 2:20, 27; Lam. 2:22-23; John 1:14, 16-17; 17:21-23

I. Psalm 133 is the praise of a saint, in his going up to Zion, concerning Jehovah's commanded blessing of life on brothers who dwell together in oneness; the blessing that is commanded whenever brothers are united under the anointing is "life forever," a full, free, unceasing stream of life:

A. The genuine all-inclusive oneness (the oneness of the all-inclusive Spirit) is constituted with the spreading ointment and the descending dew for the gradual building up of Christ's Body in the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity.

1. Psalm 133 is equivalent to Ephesians 4; when we are in the Body and are diligent to keep the oneness of the Spirit, we have the anointing of the all-inclusive Spirit (vv.3-6); the anointing oil as the compound ointment is a type of the processed Triune God, the all-inclusive compound Spirit—Exo. 30:23-25.

a. If we act apart from the Spirit, who is in our spirit, we are divisive and lose the oneness—Eph. 4:3; cf. 1 Cor. 1:10; 2:14-15; 3:1.

b. If we stay in the life-giving Spirit, we keep the oneness of the Spirit—cf. John 4:24; 1 Cor. 6:17.

2. The dew of Hermon descending on the mountains of Zion signifies the descending, refreshing, watering, and saturating grace of life (1 Peter 3:7), the Triune God as our life supply for our enjoyment—2 Cor. 13:14.

a. By the grace we receive on the mountains of Zion, we can live a life that is impossible for people in the world to live—Acts 20:32; 2 Cor. 12:7-9.

b. In this grace we can enjoy God's eternal comfort and good hope—2 Thes. 2:16.

c. The more we experience Christ as the life-giving Spirit, the more our natural constitution and disposition are reduced; as they are reduced through our experience of the Triune God with His divine attributes, we are perfected into one—John 17:23; Eph. 4:1-3.

Questions:

1. What is the anointing oil? How is it related to us?
2. What is the dew of Hermon?
3. Where can we experience this dew today?

Hymn

Behold how good and how pleasant it is,
For brethren to dwell together in unity!
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It is like the precious ointment upon the head,
That ran down upon the beard,
Even Aaron's beard:
That went down to the skirts of his garments.

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For brethren to dwell together in unity!
It is like the precious ointment upon the head,
That ran down upon the beard,
Even Aaron's beard:
That went down to the skirts of his garments.

As the dew of Hermon, And as the dew that descended
Upon the mountains of Zion:
For there the Lord commanded the blessing,
Even life forevermore.