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Psalm 133

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There is uncertainty regarding the author, time, or circumstances of these Psalms, but it is apparent **Psalms 120-134** work together, and are called the "Songs of Degrees," and sometimes "Songs of Ascension." This Psalm is attributed to David.

Verse 1 pictures a "good" thing;
Verses 2-3 illustrate what it is "like."

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Unity of Brethren

Verse 1: It is "good and pleasant" "For brethren to dwell together in unity!" One of the most satisfying sights is to see "unity" form from many, the very Latin phrase for the United States (*e pluribus unum*). Every hyphenated American has rejected this motto. All hyphenated "Christians" have missed entirely the New Testament teaching. Those who obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ (**Mark 16:15-16**) are "baptized into one body" (**1 Corinthians 12:13**), and are called "Christians" (**Acts 11:26**). There are no *kinds* of Christians in the New Testament.

When Paul and Barnabas went their separate ways, it was because of a conflict of judgment, not over doctrine (**Acts 15:36-40**). "Unity," however, doesn't mean brethren must stay on top of each other, for there are plenty in the world who need the Gospel. "The unity of the Spirit" includes "the bond of peace" (**Ephesians 4:1-3**), and narrowness in doctrine (**Ephesians 4:4-6**).

Verse 2: Brethren's "unity" shows how obedience to God's teaching sanctifies (devotes, dedicates), just like, under Moses' Law, Aaron was dedicated with anointing oil (**Leviticus 8:10-12**).

Verse 3: "Unity" of brethren reminds us that the unifying doctrine originates with God, not men (**James 3:13-18**), just like looking at Mount Hermon's "dew" which settles "upon the mountains of Zion."

Thought: "Unity" is not a goal, it is a product of obeying the same doctrine (**Galatians 3:26-29; 1 John 1:5-7**). No "Unity Forum" can unite better than, or equally with, plain preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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