

Psalm 133

Read: Psalm 133:1-3

Summary:

Out of 150 Psalms recorded in the bible, this one is unique: it talks about how we relate to each other. We believe that King David wrote it and it was used as pilgrims attend Jerusalem for an annual festival.

Live Together in Unity Brothers together could be referring to the extended family and the responsibility there was to looking after to care for one another. Brothers together would have been a very visual image at a festival where people from right across the nation would have gathered together. Brothers together can also be applied to the people of God

Aaron & Oil A dramatic picture of unity is presented by the image of the anointing oil used on Aaron and all priests in setting them aside to do God's will. It was a vivid image of one acceptable to God, there to serve their brothers and one who carried a fragrance that would touch everyone.

Mountain & Dew A poetic picture of the refreshing presence of God. Mount Hermon was the tallest mountain and the water from it meant lush vegetation even in the hot summer months. Mount Zion is symbolic of the tangible presence of God. The Christian life is not to be lived on its own but we benefit so much from our relationship with others

Life forever more This refers to a covenant love that we receive from God. Unity is not the goal but the by-product. We acknowledge a holy God on whom we are dependent and one day to whom we will give an account. We gain so much from his love and peace that it must impact our relationship. Maybe this Psalm is not about us going up to worship God but about him coming down to bless us.

Application:

Please select from the following questions and do not attempt them all. Encourage all to take part and be honest. Make sure there is time to pray for people.

1. Was there anything spoken on Sunday that is unclear and needs more explaining?
2. What did God say to you on Sunday and what are you going to do as a result?
3. In what ways do you find being with people refreshing and how do you find it draining?
4. Do you find it easier to get on with God whom you cannot see or others that you can see? Why is this?
5. When you experience difficulty with others do you tend to want to deal with it or run away? How do you overcome this?
6. Take some time and pray for your own family