

Looking Back
Psalm 133 "Overflowing Unity"
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Overflowing Unity

"If there was a picture of overflowing unity, it would look like Psalm 133."

"David, What Does Unity Look Like?"

David might say:

- It doesn't look like being overlooked by my father and brothers — feeling devalued.
- It doesn't look like being chased by Saul — targeted by jealousy.
- It doesn't look like my family — my son tried to kill me.
- And it definitely doesn't look like the pain caused by my own pride and selfishness.

Yet David still wrote about unity.

Four Things That Must Go for Unity to Flow

"Unity requires removing barriers of the heart, mind, mouth, and spirit."

1. A Hard Heart

A hard heart says:

- "I don't care to forgive or reconcile."
- "I don't care what you think."
- "I don't care to empathize."

Colossians 3:12 (NLT)

2. A Proudful Mind

Lucifer's pride brought discord in Heaven.

Ego destroys unity:

- Overly sensitive — quick to take offense
- Defensive or resistant to feedback
- Entitled or inflexible

Philippians 2:3

3. An Unwise Tongue

Words can destroy unity faster than anything else.

James 3:5

Two categories:

- Bad words: gossip, slander, murmuring
- No words: silence when encouragement is needed

Murmuring killed joy in the wilderness — gossip kills unity today.

4. An Independent Spirit

An independent spirit says: "I'll do my own thing."

But Kingdom people say: "We're a family — a holy nation — we need each other."

Unity requires being:

- Collaborative
- Cooperative
- Reliable
- Accountable

David's Revelation of Unity

Despite rejection, betrayal, and pain, David wrote:

Psalm 133

What Unity Looks Like

It's Good and Pleasant

- It feels right.
- It's peaceful, powerful, life-giving.

Unity Is Like Precious Oil

Oil represents the Holy Spirit's work — what we cannot do alone.

Oil is:

- Fragrant — unity is attractive.
- Fuel — it keeps the fire burning.
- Healing — soothing and restoring.
- Consecrating — sets us apart to bless others.

Oil poured — not dabbed — running down Aaron's beard: abundant grace overflowing.

Philippians 2:1–2

Unity is the supreme objective.

Unity Is Like the Dew of Mt. Hermon

- Dew is refreshing and gentle.
- It penetrates everywhere and brings fruitfulness.
- Unity calms emotions and nurtures growth.
- Unity is far-reaching — it impacts people you'll never meet.

The Commanded Blessing

Psalm 133:3

When God commands a blessing — it's done.

Where peace and unity dwell — His presence reigns.

Jesus' Prayer for Unity

John 17:20-23

Jesus prayed that His followers would be:

- Kept
- Sanctified
- United

Unity isn't automatic — it's intentional.

- Keep a tender heart.
- Walk in humility.
- Speak life.
- Stay connected.