

How Good And Pleasant

I. John 17:23 - How does unity cause the world to know, to the degree that they believe & know that the Father sent Jesus.

A. The Greek word for “to know” is “Ginosko” which means to know completely by experience.

1. Unity releases power that enables people to know by experience that the Father sent Jesus.

a. Even in the beginning God recognizes how powerful unity is: Genesis 11:6

b. Ecc 4:9 - *“Two are better than One.”*

1) Natural and Spiritual Phenomena - 2 yoked together produces a third

2) Deut 32:30 “I will put a 1000 to flight, 2 will put 10,000”

c. Matthew 18:19-20 - The Lord asked for the least amount in hopes of getting that.

1) It’s easier to get a small group into unity than it is a larger one.

2) Gideon went from 32,000 to 10,000 to 300

3) All great revivals stated with just a few.

2. Any kind of unity will release power.

a. The unity of silence released power that fell the wall of Jericho.

b. The unity of song released power that to overcome Israel’s enemies in 2 Chron 20

c. The unity of sadness and supplications released power on the day of Pentecost

B. Psalm 133 - United draws the power and presence of God.

1. “Good = Towb” to be used in its most widest sense, beautiful and best.

a. Unity is attractive to God - Attracts means to draw to, to move towards and unite with.

1) Our unity attracts God and causes Him to unite with us

2) “Wherever two or three are gathered, I am in their midst”

b. When we are united we are at our best.

1) John 17:23 - “perfected in unity” - “Teleioo” = To add what is yet wanting.

2) Our best is brought out with each other and by each other

2. **“Pleasant = na-yim” delightful, agreeable and musical.**

- a. Unity is like a good song - A good song will stay with you.
- b. How many of you would like to be stuck in God’s thoughts**

3. Unity is like the oil on the head of Aaron. (Unity starts from the head down)

a. Which is anointing oil that sets us apart for the task that God has called us to.

- b. Lev 8:12 - *“Then he poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron's head and anointed him, to consecrate him.”*

1) Psalm 139:17 - Thoughts “Rea” = a purpose, an aim, a target.

- 2) There are some things that God wants to use us to do, that we can’t do, because we can’t do them by ourselves. (We need each other to make up for our lack)

c. Unity is like oil upon the head, where God begins to set you apart as a unified group to hit a certain target.

- d. It’s what brings the power for your purpose.

4. **Unity is like dew of hermon in that it is what brings the refreshing of the Lord.**

- a. Unity not only releases the *“oil for purpose”* which empowers you, but it also releases the *“dew of refreshing”* ministers to you in order to restore you.

b. The oil is the power to help others, but the dew is the refreshing to help yourselves.

5. Unity is what brings the blessing of life - *“chay”* which means something that is flowing, fresh, lively, active, and reviving.

C. This kind of Unity doesn’t come easy - it comes at a cost.

- 1. This kind of Unity isn’t produced in good times but in bad, not in the easy times but the tough.

a. Real Unity isn’t the absence of divisiveness or relational problems but the ability to work through them.

- b. When Michael asked the Lord why is he singing the FCC song - He’ll say I let some things go wrong in their midst and:

Instead of griping about the problems they gathered for prayer

Instead of gossiping about each other they decided to guard one another

Instead of seeing it as a chastening, they say it as a challenge

Instead of getting depressed they got determined

Instead of blaming each other they started to build each other

Instead of splitting from one another they decided to stay with each other