

Poems, Prayers & Promises



The Blessed Community of Prayer

Key idea:

God commands a blessing upon His people who live in unity through gathered worship and shared lives.

Key text:

Psalm 133

¹ How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!

² It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes.

³ It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

Key points:

1. It is good and pleasant for Christian brothers and sisters to live in unity with one another.
2. When Christians live in unity it is like an abundance of precious anointing oil and an outpouring of dew in a dry land.
3. God commands a blessing on His people who live in unity with one another through gathered worship and shared lives.
4. The blessing described in Psalm 133 has three characteristics:
 - It comes down from God to His people
 - It is abundant and overflowing
 - It is eternal
5. If I desire the blessing of God, I must be where He commands blessing - in Jesus Christ and His people as they gather for worship and share life in unity with one another.

Questions for discussion/application:

1. What part of Sunday's teaching stood out most to you? Why?

2. What would it have been like to take a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and finally see it and the Temple for the first time? How would I react to reciting this Psalm at that moment?
3. Have I experienced true community that is “good and pleasant”? What made that experience so good and pleasant?
4. Have I experienced relationships that were not “good and pleasant”? What made them hurtful or unpleasant?
5. When I think of being blessed, what comes to my mind? Is it primarily eternal life as in Psalm 133? If not, what is it?
6. How does Psalm 133 point to Jesus Christ? How is He a fulfillment of this Psalm? (See After Hours for a discussion of this idea).
7. How is Acts 2:42-47 a fulfillment of Psalm 133? What does it teach me about what life in the people of God should look like today?
8. What actions can I take in the next two weeks to grow in community with at least one other believer in BRCC?
9. Who will I call or see to encourage this week? How will I work to share life with them this week?