



## Begin the New Year with the End in Mind Witness Our Unity as His Gathered People!

Lesson 1 • Psalm of Ascents 133

Together Psalms 133 and 134 Reveal the Ultimate GOAL of Our Journey to Joy!

- 133:1 **“BEHOLD...the unity of God’s people gathered to worship!”**
- 134:1 **“BEHOLD...the majesty of God’s presence glorified in worship!”**

The Ultimate GOAL of Our Journey to Joy Is...  
God’s PRESENCE Dwelling with God’s PEOPLE in God’s PLACE!

*Do you believe the promises? Are you preparing for it? Are you proclaiming it? Are you participating in it right now?*  
Revelation 5:7-10; 7:9-15

Both Psalms 133 and 134 Reveal How Our Journey to Joy Will Finally END in Eternity!

- 133:3 *“For there [on the mountains of Zion] the Lord commanded the blessing—life forever!”*
- 134:3 *“May the LORD bless you from Zion, He who made heaven and earth!”*

The Final END of Our Journey to Joy Is ALL the BLESSINGS of ETERNAL LIFE!

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Hebrews 12:22–25; Revelation 21:1-14

**Psalms 133-134 Help Us Begin the Year with the End in Mind**  
*Witness Our Unity as We Worship His Majesty on Our Journey to Joy!*

**As His People We Provide a Preview of Coming Attractions in Eternity**

*Let’s Reveal the UNITY of His Coming by GATHERING Together as His People! Psalm 133*

*Let’s Reveal the MAJESTY of His Coming by WORSHIPPING Together in His Glorious Presence! Psalm 134*

**Three Ways Our Unity as God’s Gathered People Is a Witness to His Second Coming**

*“BEHOLD, how good and how pleasant it is for bothers to dwell together in unity!” Psalm 133*

### 1. Our Unity Is a BEAUTIFUL Gift from the LORD that People Deeply Desire. (v. 1)

Gathered Together in Unity is a Beautiful Gift from God!

*“...for brothers to dwell together in unity”*

*“Behold how good and how pleasant it is...”*

Our Unity Is a Beautiful Gift

- Our unity is a beautiful **result** of the LORD's blessings poured out on us **as His people**.
  
- Our unity is a beautiful **revelation** of the LORD's blessings poured out **for all peoples**.

## 2. Our Unity Is a **BOUNTIFUL** Gift from the LORD that People Can Never Manufacture. (vv. 1-3)

Our Unity Is a Bountiful Gift

- We "go up" to where God chooses to "**COME DOWN**" by His sovereign and gracious choice!
  
- God graciously chooses to pour out His blessings in **OVERFLOWING** abundance!

## 3. Our Unity Is a **BLESSED** Gift from the LORD that People Desperately Need. (vv. 2-3)

Our Unity Is a Blessed Gift

- Graciously given **THROUGH** God's chosen High Priest, the Lord Jesus Christ. (through **His elect person**)
  - 1) **The Promise in the OT:** *Costly oil was poured out over Aaron's head and flowed over his hair and robe!*
  
  - 2) **The Fulfillment in the NT:** *Costly anointing of Jesus before His crucifixion and His appointment as our High Priest after the resurrection and ascension.*
    - Jesus was **anointed** with **ABUNDANT OIL** before His Crucifixion. *Mark 14:3-9*
    - Jesus was **appointed** as the God's **CHOSEN MEDIATOR** at His Crucifixion. *Hebrews 12:22-24*
    - Jesus **acts** as our **HIGH PRIEST** after His Resurrection and Ascension. *Hebrews 6:19-20; 9:11-15*
  
- Graciously given **WITH** all the blessings of eternal life. (for **His eternal purpose**)

***Therefore, our unity is a divine blessing not to be taken for granted,  
but one to be grateful for and guarded, while encouraging others to participate in it!***

**LET'S BEGIN the NEW YEAR with the END IN MIND**

***Invite Others to Witness Our Unity as God's Gathered People!***

***Don't Take this Blessing for Granted...***

- *Give thanks for our unity in its present ordinary & imperfect nature and in its future extraordinary & perfect nature at His coming!*
- *Guard our unity as a useful and desirable gift from God!*
- *Encourage others to join us in gathering together as God's people in His presence in His place – our local church!*