

Spiritual Unity in the Worship Team Pt. 2

Byproducts of Unity

I. The Lesson

In the last lesson, we learned about the power that is released when we are in one accord as a team. It was demonstrated extensively in the book of Acts that being in one accord leads to a release of the power of the Holy Spirit. Additionally, being unified (in one accord) leads to the Body of Christ being strengthened and leads to the salvation of the lost.

In this lesson, we'll be looking at another instance in the Bible where unity is given emphasis.

Psalm 133 "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! ²It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments. ³It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; for there the LORD commanded the blessing – life forevermore."

Psalm 133 paints a pretty vivid picture of the byproducts of unity. King David had a revelation of the goodness and the pleasantness that comes with being in unity. He had seen them first-hand – the byproducts of unity.

"It is like precious oil"

The oil David was speaking of here was the oil that Aaron would have been anointed with. The anointing oil was made up of four very aromatic spices that could be smelled from a far way off. When someone was being anointed, everyone knew it.

Unity, like anointing, _____ more than just those who are in unity.

The congregation can "smell" when there is or isn't unity among the worship team (and leadership team).

→ No unity = no _____ (blessing, favor, freedom in worship)

"It is like the dew of Hermon"

The context of the scripture here provides a very vivid picture of what David was talking about. Cool air coming from the Mediterranean Sea ascends up the side of Mount Hermon creating a cool dew that "descends on the mountains of Zion."

The dew in Jerusalem (Zion) was cool, _____, and life-giving. Unity has this effect on the Church.

→ The “dew of Hermon” was a symbol of the blessing of God on Jerusalem. So, too, does unity lead to the _____ of God on our churches and in our worship times.

“For there the Lord commanded the blessing”

As previously stated, _____ is one of the most incredible byproducts of unity. But this kind of blessing isn’t just a glib, “I hope we get blessed” kind of blessing. It is the **commanded** blessing of the Lord.

Commanded = to _____, give orders

So, when God commands a blessing, blessing – like a soldier – has no choice but to “obey” and be dispatched to the ones whom God is blessing. So, make no mistake about it: When God commands a blessing, **there will be blessing!**

“Life Forevermore”

There are many possibilities for what the “blessing of the Lord” could be. By this scripture, however, we are told that it is “life forevermore.” What an awesome inheritance of the unified ones... LIFE FOREVERMORE!

Worship services that function as God intended produce _____ for those who partake! Who wouldn’t want to go to **that** church? There are too many churches where no life exists in the Spirit. This is not how the Lord intended our churches to be. Churches, worship teams, and congregations that are unified are targets for the true life of the Holy Spirit. This atmosphere is irresistible to the lost, the broken, the hurting, the oppressed and the lonely. Unity is the key to unlocking the commanded blessing of the Lord – life forevermore.

II. Discussion

- 1) If unity is a pleasing “scent” to the church, what would produce a scent that is unpleasing?
- 2) Practically, how does the congregation experience the byproducts of unity in a worship service?
- 3) What happens in/to a church when there is no unity in the leadership/worship team?
- 4) What happens in a church when unity is protected and maintained, week in and week out?

III. Prayer Points

- 1) Pray that every barrier to unity would be torn down in our worship team.
- 2) Pray that God would help our team to be unified week in and week out.
- 3) Pray that we, as the worship team, would be a channel of life to our congregation.