

PREPARE
Him
ROOM

psalms of ascent

The Key to “the Blessing”
PSALM 133

I. A POINT: God’s vision for His world is _____ in your world.

v. 1 *Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!*

II. TWO PICTURES:

A. “Like” oil: **Godly unity is like a _____ to God: it is personally fulfilling.**

v. 2 *It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!*

B. “Like” dew: **Godly unity is like a _____ to society; it is nationally fruitful.**

v. 3a *It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!*

III. THE PURPOSE: Godly unity unlocks God’s _____ .

v. 3b *For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.*

IV. A PATHWAY FORWARD: _____ “there”—to Christ’s Person and Work—every day!

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HOME GROUP STUDY

The city of Jerusalem is situated on a high hill. The Songs of Ascents (Psalms 120-134) were sung by Jews traveling from their homes to Jerusalem on the "ascent," or the uphill road to the city, for one of the three main annual Jewish festivals.

Read Psalm 133 aloud.

1. How does the world define *blessing*? Does God defines blessing the same way? What insight did the sermon bring you?

2. How can life with others be 'good' and 'pleasant' and yet so difficult at times? Does the presence of difficulty mean unity is absent?

3. How can Christ followers be of different minds, yet united in one heart? In what way have you experienced this yourself, and how did the Holy Spirit work in that situation?

4. Read John 17: 20-26. How is unity the greatest evidence of God's love in us? How does reading Jesus' prayer cause you to look at your own role in the unity of the church?

5. How does God bless and encourage you through time in the company of His people? How do you bless and encourage others yourself?

6. Experiences of unity here on earth are just a small taste of the complete spiritual unity we will enjoy in heaven forever. Spend some time thinking about and discussing what that spiritual unity in heaven might look like, and what you're most looking forward to. How does this help you see relationships with other believers in a different light? Do you need to do anything differently?

Leave your sermon notes in a prominent place so you can meditate on Psalm 133 over the coming week, adding any additional insights you discover in its verses.

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week. Like to plan ahead a little more? Pick up a copy of The Source at a stand around campus or near the exits, or visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. They're your source for everything going on at Christ Chapel.

LOOKING FOR MORE HOLIDAY INFO?

To help plan your serving, celebrating and worshipping, text "CCBCHolidays" to 555-888. We'll send you a link for everything you need to know about spending the holidays with your Christ Chapel community.

PICK AN ANGEL FROM THE TREE IN THE GREAT ROOM TODAY. Angel Tree Ministry, a program of Prison Fellowship, brings the gospel and Christmas gifts to children who have one or more parents in prison. If you'd like to provide Christmas gifts for a child this holiday season, stop by the tree today!

CHRISTMAS CANTATA 2019 IS ALMOST HERE!

"Glory to God in the Highest," this year's Christmas Cantata, is a worship service that tells the story of Christ's birth through spectacular music. Happening this Saturday, Dec. 7 and next Sunday, Dec. 8, the worship service is a special way to celebrate the season with the entire Christ Chapel community. Get your Reservation Reminders at www.ccbcfamily.org/cantata and share the link with friends, neighbors and coworkers this week.

THE FINAL DAY TO BUY CHRISTMAS BRUNCH TICKETS IS THIS TUESDAY, DEC. 3.

Ladies, don't miss this Saturday's brunch! It's going to be a morning full of friends, Christmas cheer and an encouraging message. Choose a venue (Will Rogers in Fort Worth or the West Campus) and buy your tickets for \$20 each at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WITH A MISSION IS THIS SATURDAY, DEC. 7. Ready to tackle your Christmas gift list? We're having a market in the Oak Room on Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. with all kinds of amazing vendors. Not only will you take care of your Christmas shopping but you'll be supporting our ministry partners in the process!

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SERVE DURING THE HOLIDAYS? There are all kinds of ways for you, your family and your home group to share the hope of the season! We've collected opportunities—everything from Angel Tree to delivering holiday welcome baskets to refugees in Fort Worth—and added them to our website. Go to www.ccbcfamily.org/holidays2019 to find a way to serve.

CONSIDERING END-OF-YEAR GIVING?

HERE'S SOME MORE INFORMATION. This year's giving will go towards Vision 2020, our plan to make Christ clear to our friends and neighbors here at home and around the world. Visit www.ccbcfamily.org/give2019 to read more about Vision 2020 and give.

ARTISTS, WE WANT TO SEE WHAT YOU'VE GOT FOR ART REACH 2020!

Art Reach is a weekend at Christ Chapel all about celebrating the arts and the creativity God gives each of us. If you are an artist (of any age!), start thinking of what you could submit for our 2020 gallery. The theme is "Reaching In, Reaching Up: Seeking God Through Art" and submissions will open on Friday, Jan. 3. Learn more at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.