

Good morning! Would you like to receive God's blessing? I would...and who wouldn't? After all, that's what all of us really want, right? We want to God to bless us. We want to know Him. We want to experience His favor. Does the Bible have anything to say about this? Of course it does! The Bible isn't a "rule book" that provides step-by-step instructions, but it does tell us some things that God likes and some things that God doesn't like. In this morning's passage, we can learn how to receive God's blessing in our lives; let's read it together:

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, coming down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard, coming down upon the edge of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, coming down upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing – life forevermore.

Psalm 133:1–3

I have always appreciated this passage because it resonates so deeply with me. Have you discovered "how good and pleasant" unity is? It's one of the best things about being with other believers who are in common mission, who are loving and serving Jesus together. The sense of being together in purpose and work is enriching in a way that other kinds of gatherings are not. I like the closing phrase, "There the Lord commanded the blessing." I want to live in a place where God commands the blessing, don't you? After all, if the Lord commands the blessing, nothing that can stop it! So where does today's passage say that God commands His blessing? It's the place where God's people dwell together in unity; that's where the Lord has "commanded the blessing, life forevermore." Relational life flows out of unity and the psalmist says that unity is like the oil that was poured on the head of Aaron the High Priest. It flowed from the top of his head down to his beard and down to the collar of his robes. We have a word-picture of God's blessing being like oil that flows down from the head, down his beard, and down his robes. We are covered with God's blessing as we enter into unity with God's people. So let me ask you again: would you like to receive God's blessing? Look for opportunities to be with God's people... loving and serving Jesus together!