

# Psalm 133

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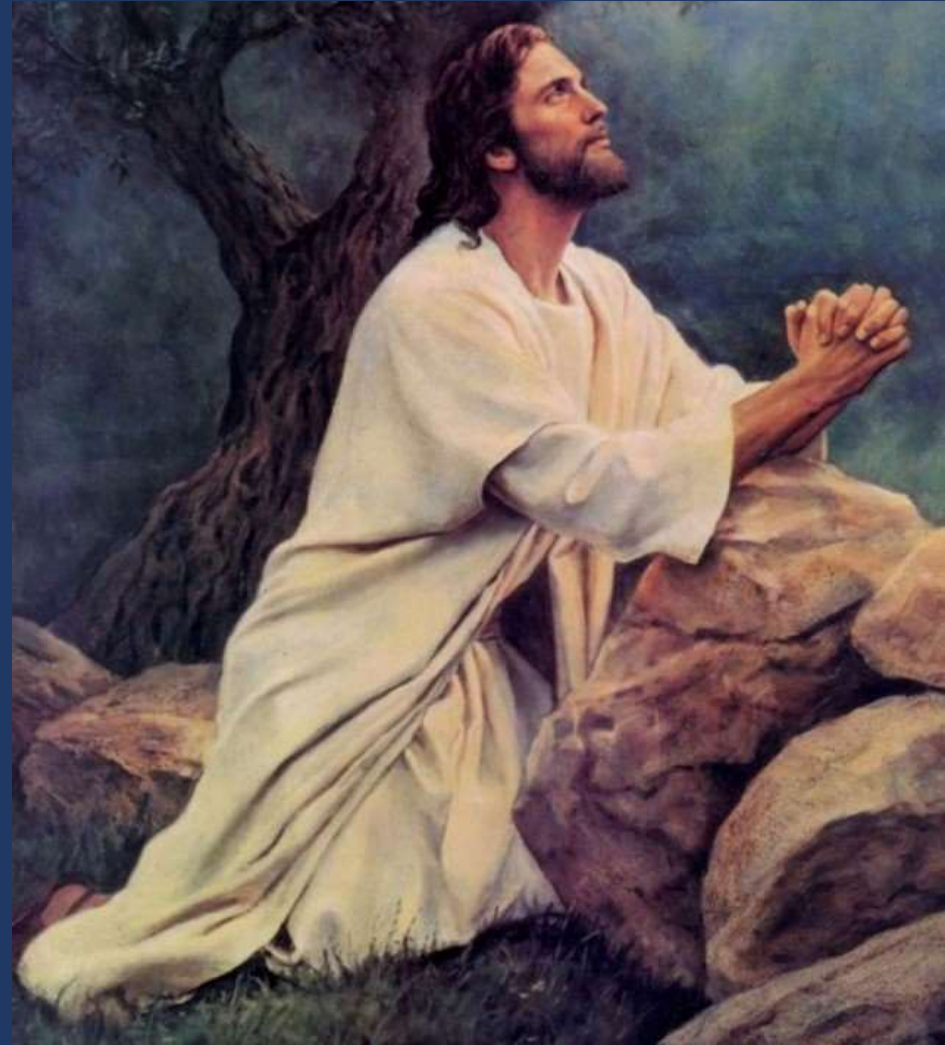
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# Jesus' Prayer for Oneness

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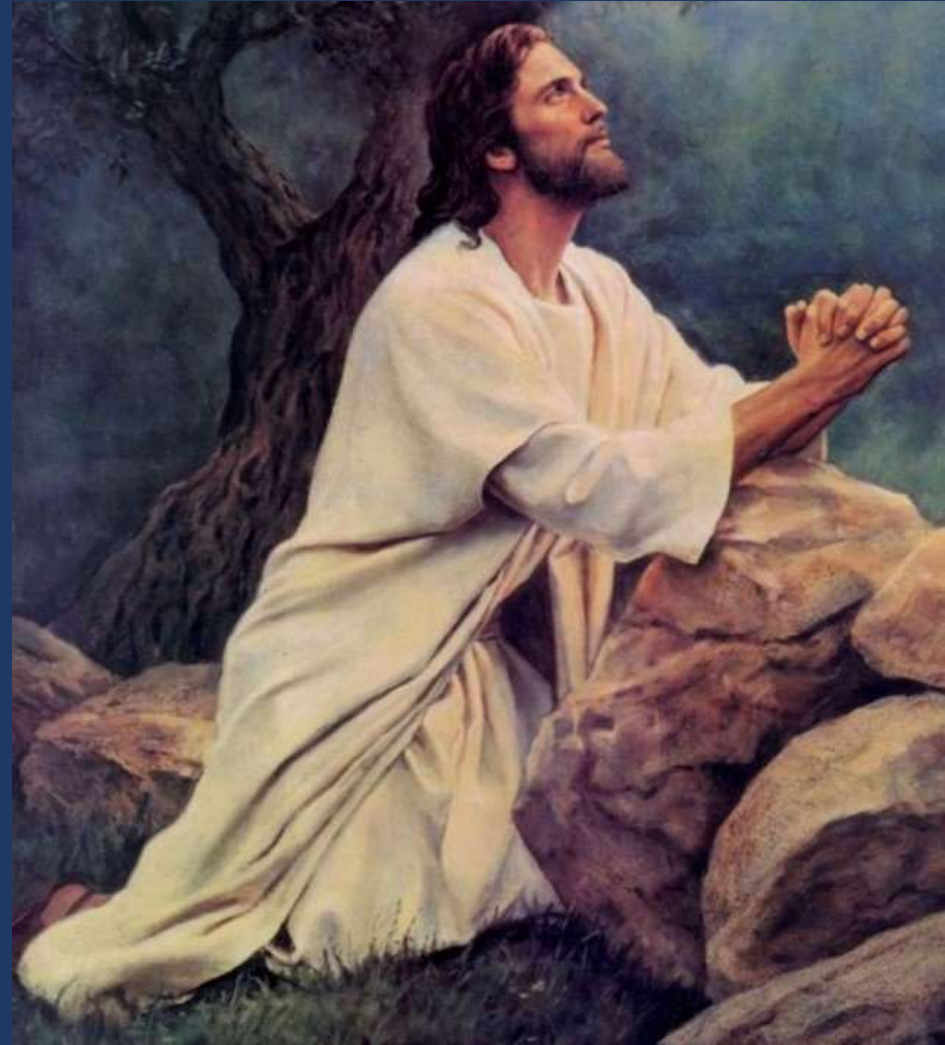
# Jesus' Oneness with God

I can of my own self do nothing; as I hear, I judge and my judgment is just because I seek not my own will but the will of the Father who has sent me

My doctrine is not mine but his that sent me

The words that I speak to you I speak not of myself but the Father that dwells in me . . .

John 5:30, John 7:16, John 14:10



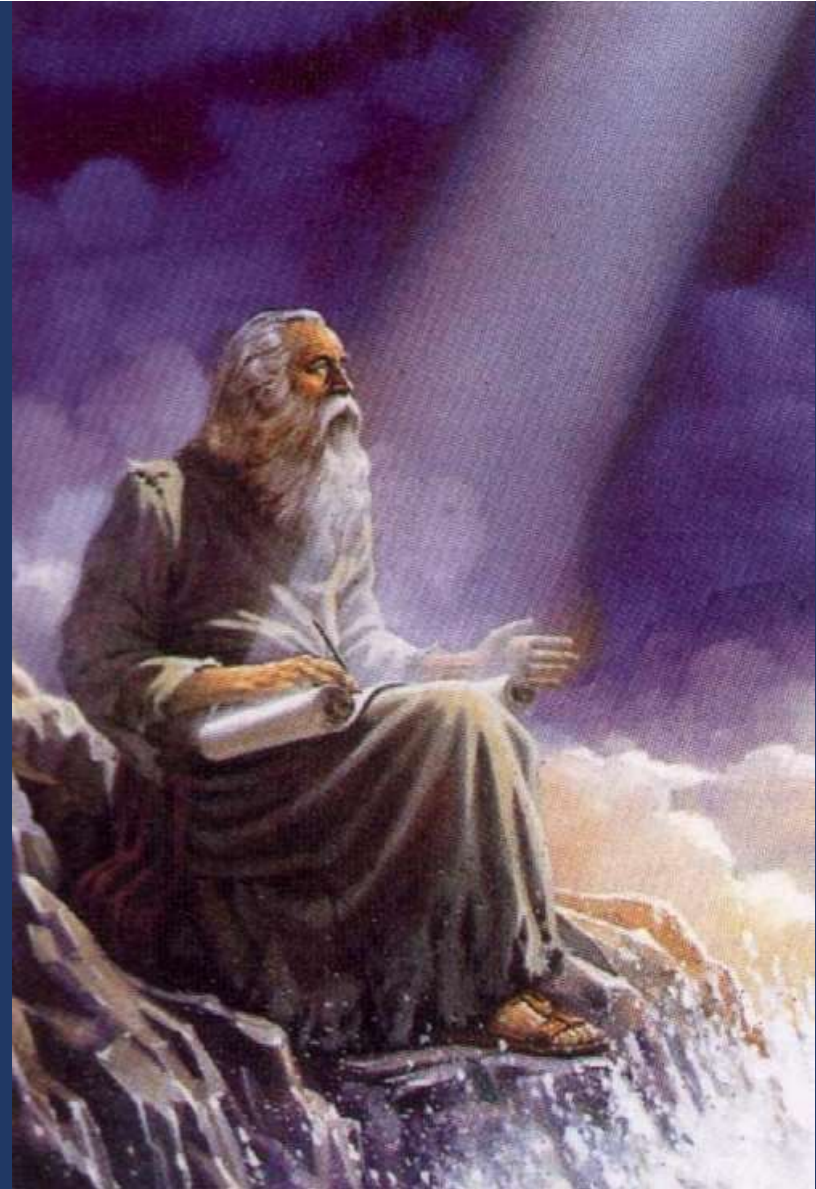
# Oneness of the Divine Family



# Fellowship of the Divine Family

“We declare to you what we have  
seen and heard so that you also may  
have fellowship with us; and truly  
our fellowship is with the Father and  
with his Son Jesus Christ.”

1 John 1:3



# Oneness in Christ

**For as the body is one and has many members**, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, **so also is Christ**. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. For in fact the body is not one member but many. . .

. . . **the members should have the same care for one another**. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice. **1 Corinthians 12:12–14, 24–26**

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David pictures the Church Militant





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Was David reflecting on his friendship with Jonathan?



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David would not “put  
forth his hand against  
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“And David went out to meet them, and answered and said to them, “If you have come peaceably to me to help me, **my heart will be united with you;** but if to betray me to my enemies, since *there is* no wrong in my hands, may the God of our fathers look and bring judgment.”

1 Chronicles 12:17



“All these men of war, came to Hebron with a loyal heart, to make David king over all Israel; and all the rest of Israel *were* of **one mind** to make David king.”

1 Chronicles 12:38



# Psalm 133 – Christian Unity Pictured

Dwelling together in unity *is* like:

1. the **precious** ointment (*oil*) upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, *even* Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;
2. the **dew of Hermon**, *and as the dew* that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, *even* life for evermore.

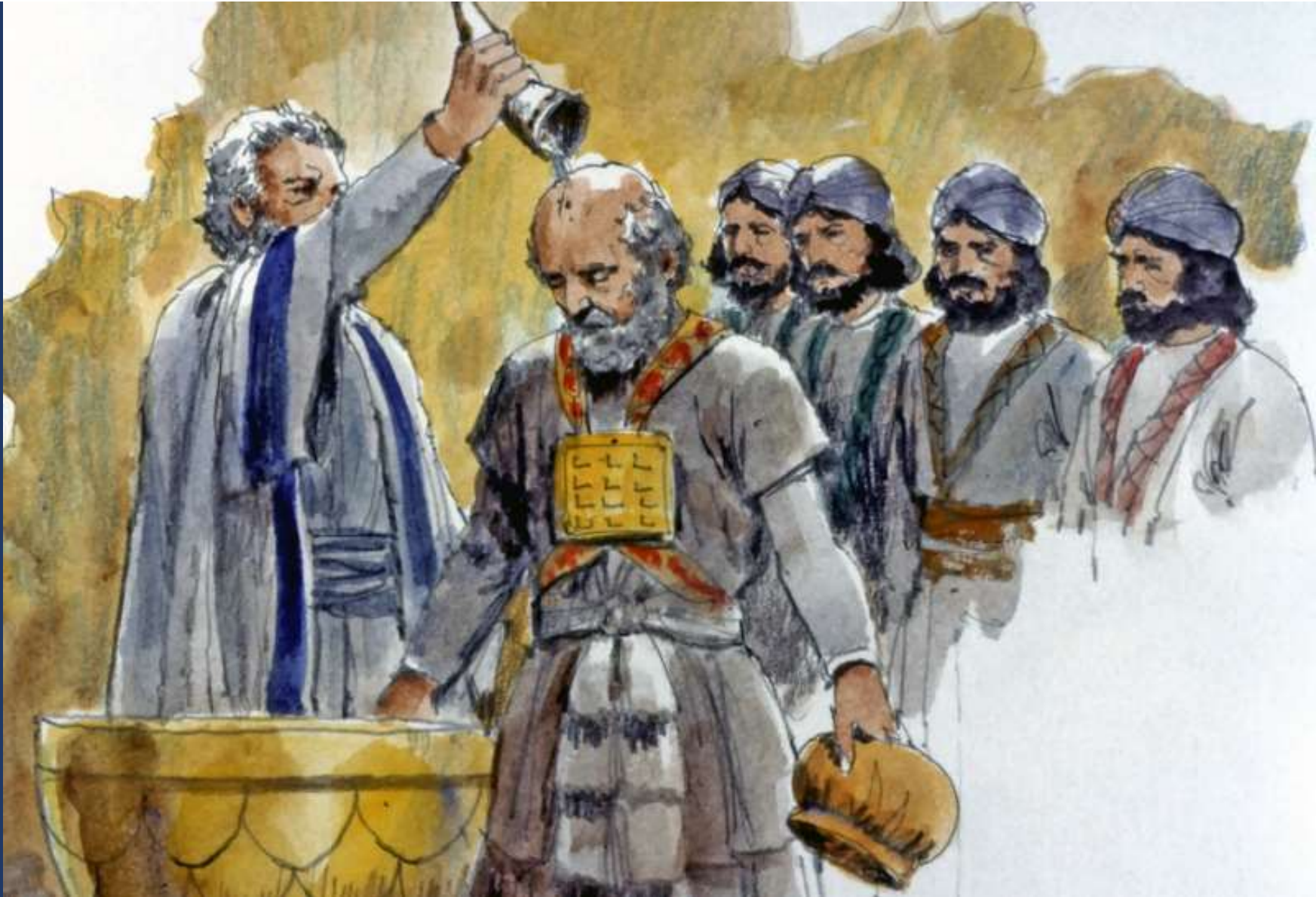
# Psalm 133:2–Like Anointing Oil

“It 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.”



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# The Church in the Tabernacle Types

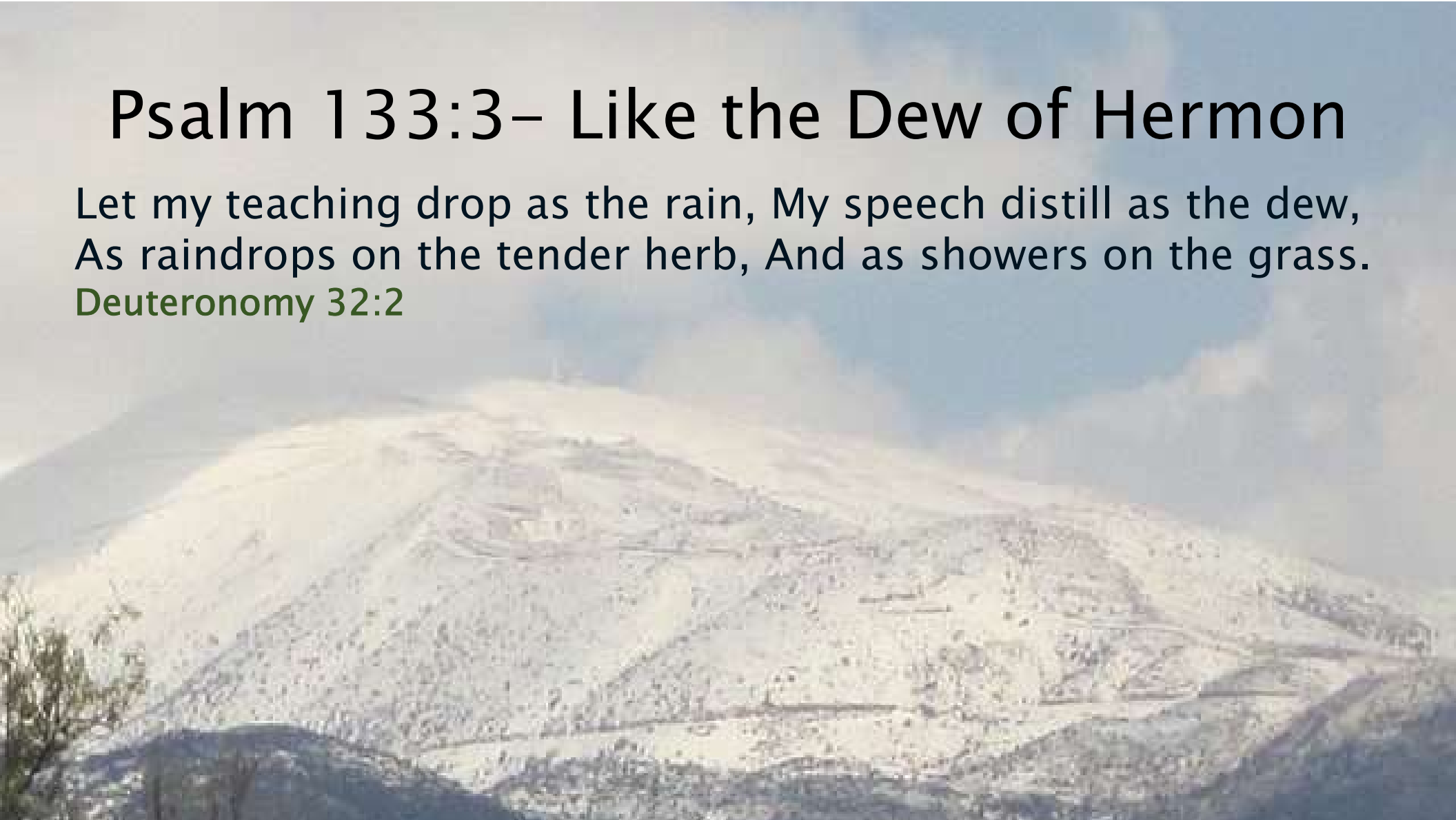
- You have made them *to be kings and priests* unto God and they will reign upon the earth – Revelation 5:10
- Present your bodies a living sacrifice. – Romans 12:1
- Jesus the High Priest of *our profession*. – Hebrews 3:1
- *Anchor within the veil*, where Jesus *our forerunner* has already entered beyond the veil. – Hebrews 6:19–20
- Entry “*into the holiest* by the blood of Jesus”. – Hebrews 10:19
- *The church pictured in Leviticus 16 sacrifices* – reproach without the camp, blood taken into the Most Holy – Hebrews 11:13



# Psalm 133:3– Like the Dew of Hermon

Let my teaching drop as the rain, My speech distill as the dew,  
As raindrops on the tender herb, And as showers on the grass.

Deuteronomy 32:2



Like the Dew of Hermon, Descending



# Descending upon the Mountains of Zion



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# Paul Confirms Two Aspects to Unity

**Ephesians 4:2, 13** – Endeavouring to keep the **unity of the Spirit** in the bond of peace

...

Till we all come in the **unity of the faith**, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:



# Unity of the Spirit

**Unity of spirit** is the oneness which subsists between Christ and his saints, by which the same spirit dwells in both, and both have the same disposition and aims

*Webster's Dictionary 1828*



# Unity of the Spirit



**Ephesians 4:1–6** – Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. *There is one body*, and *one Spirit*, even as ye are called in *one hope of your calling*; *One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all.*

# Unity of the Faith

**Unity of faith** is an equal belief of the same truths of God, and possession of the grace of faith in like form and degree.

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## Unity of the Faith – Ephesians 4:11–13



And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets;  
and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry,  
for the edifying of the body of Christ

**till we all come to the unity of the faith** and of the knowledge  
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# Unity of the Spirit and of Faith

What is essential? What is important?

**Fellowship standard** – Recognizing our brethren.

R5284 – Doctrines More or Less Important

R5967 – The Epistle of Christ

**Eldership standard** – Edifying pastors and teachers.

Take heed and be examples to the flock, and apt to teach.

**Faithfulness standard** – Making our calling and election sure.

Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine.

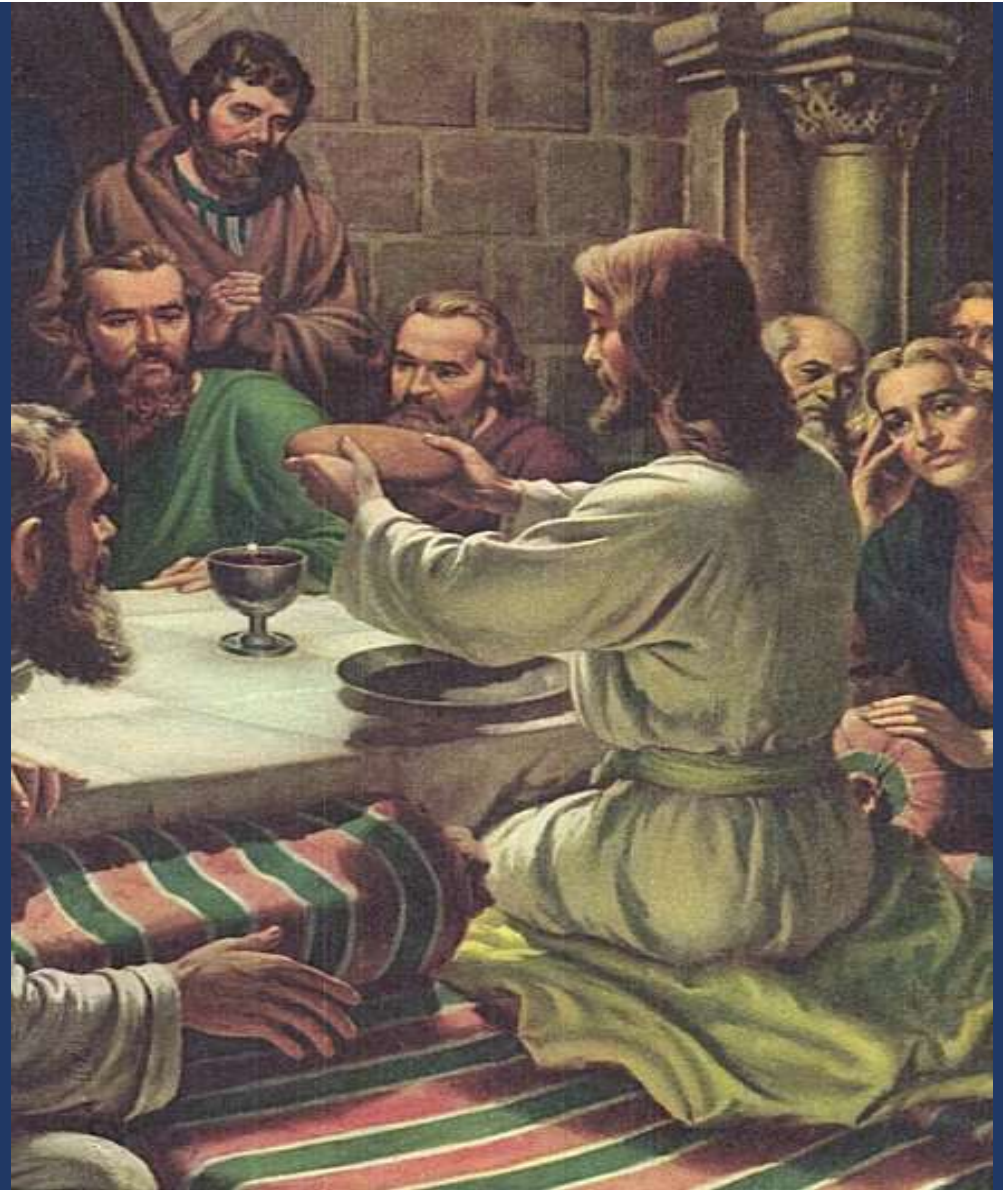
# Threat – Unity of the Faith

**Ephesians 4:14** “. . . That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and **carried about with every wind of doctrine**, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive . . .”

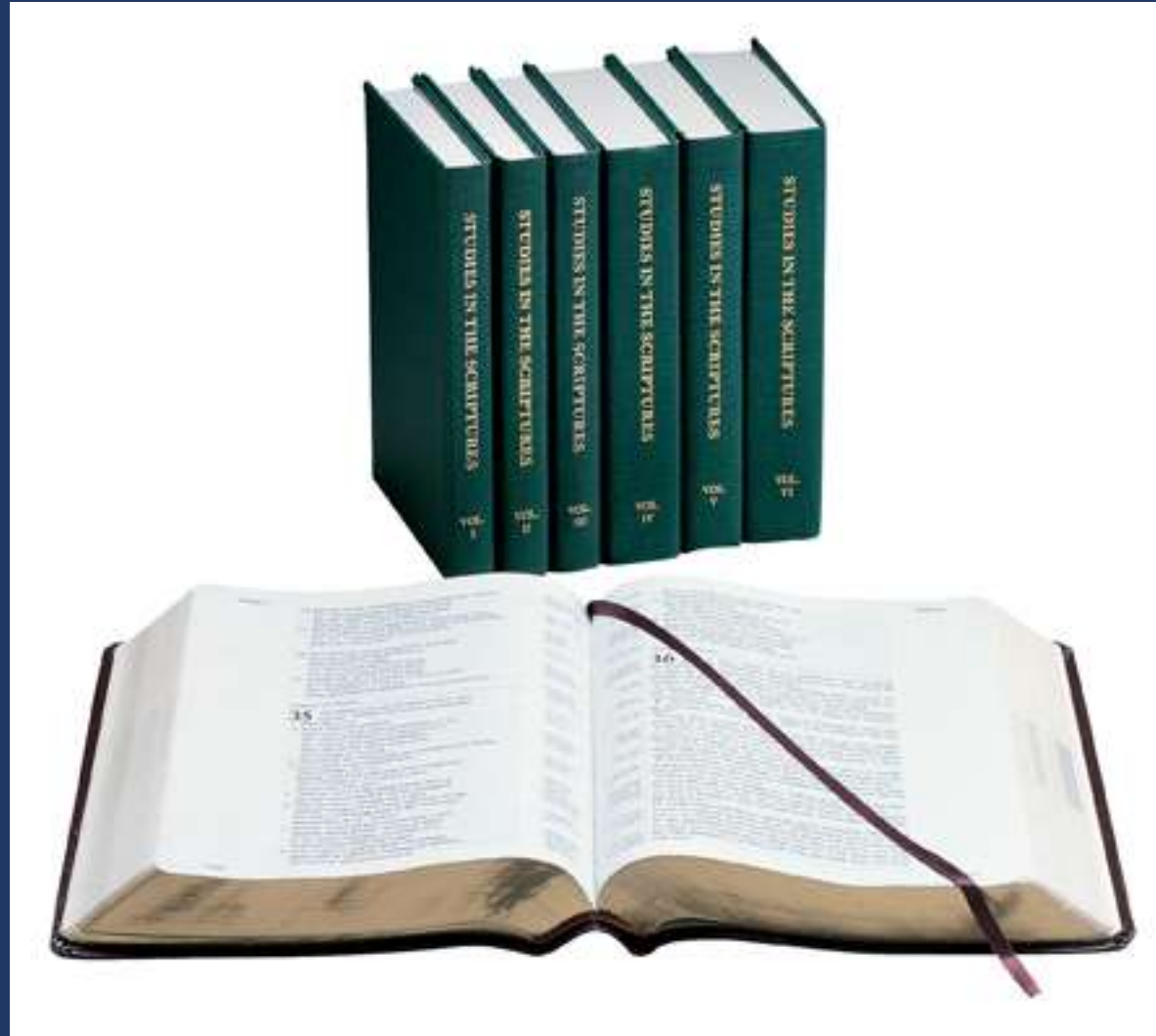
# Message to Laodicea

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. – **Revelation 3:20**

To the watchers Jesus promised “he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them”  
– **Luke 12:37**



Meat in Due Season  
Ransom and Restitution  
Two Salvations  
God's Kingdom  
Why God Permits Evil  
Jesus Return & Harvest  
Judgment Day  
Consecration, Sin Offering  
Justification & Sanctification



# How to Promote Unity

Ephesians 4:15–16 “. . . speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ . . .

. . . from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by **what every joint supplies**, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.



# Apollos Meets Aquila and Priscilla

**Act 18:26** “When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained the way of God to him more accurately.”



# Paul Rebukes Peter

“But when Peter was come to Antioch I withstood him to the face because he was to be blamed.” **Galatians 2:11**



# Threats to Unity

- Personal Differences & Misunderstandings
- Pride and Selfishness
- Truth Controversies
- Failing to Respect Others Consciences
- Injustices
- Immorality
- Indifference

# Promoting Unity

- Don't Forsake Assembling – **Hebrews 10:25**
- Be of One Mind in the Lord – **Philippians 4:2**
- Let All Things Be Edifying – **1 Corinthians 14:26**
- Communication – **Ephesians 4:15, James 1:19**
- In Honor Preferring One Another – **Romans 12:10**
- Hospitality – Sharing and Receiving – **Titus 1:8**
- Being Easy of Entreatment – **James 3:17**
- Gain Your Brother – **Matthew 18:15–18**

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