

**Devotional Thoughts :: "How good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity..."****"How good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity...", on: 2009/4/20 16:18**

I was listening to one of the audio sermons by Roy Hession: (<http://media.sermonindex.net/18/SID18704.mp3>) and then I came across a lovely old hymn:~

Christian hearts, in love united,
Seek alone in Jesus rest;
Has He not your love excited?
Then let love inspire each breast;
Members on our Head depending
Lights reflecting Him, our Sun,
Brethren His commands attending,
We in Him, our Lord, are one.

Grant, Lord, that with Thy direction,
"Love each other," we comply,
Aiming with unfeigned affection
Thy love to exemplify;
Let our mutual love be glowing,
Thus will all men plainly see,
That we, as on one stem growing,
Living branches are in Thee.

O that such may be our union,
As Thine with the Father is,
And not one of our communion
E'er forsake the path of bliss;
May our light afore men with brightness,
From Thy light reflected, shine;
Thus the world will bear us witness,
That we, Lord, are truly Thine.

(Nikolaus L. von Zinzendorf)

Re: "How good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity...", on: 2009/4/20 20:35

Hi sister, it brought to mind this Psalm.....

Psa 133:1 A Song of degrees; of David. Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!
Psa 133:2 It is like the precious ointment on the head that ran down on the beard, Aaron's beard, that went down to the mouth of his garments;
Psa 133:3 like the dew of Hermon that came down on the mountains of Zion; for there Jehovah commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

Frank

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Re: "How good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity..." - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2009/4/20 20:45

Beautiful hymn, thanks for sharing it. Count Zinzendorf and the Moravians produced a lot of hymns. Zinzendorf said that, "The truest language for heart religion is song." It has been said that, for the Moravians, the best way to communicate the Christian religion was to use poetry and songs, not systematic theology and polemics.

In Christ,

Ron

Re: , on: 2009/4/22 5:03

Brother Ron, I can understand their way of thinking, as I find more life in reading of spiritual songs and psalms than in arguing points of doctrine and theology. Thanks for your post!

Brother Frank, I had those exact same verses when I was listening to Roy Hession the other day! Aren't they wonderful, don't they speak of such blessing in fellowship with God and with one another. "... for there God commanded His blessing, life forevermore"!