

## Harmony – 6-26-24

Memphis. Music. Harmony.

- **Harmony** – bringing together different sounds to create an orderly whole.
- The blending of simultaneous sounds of different pitch.
  - **Harmony in Art** - *the pleasing arrangement of visual elements in an artwork, where each element contributes to a unified whole.*
    - Incorporating color, shapes, light, or texture.
- We need harmony in our lives. Where different people come together and have balance and peace.

**Psalm 133** – “How wonderful & pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony! <sup>2</sup>For harmony is as precious as the anointing oil that was poured over Aaron’s head, that ran down his beard and onto the border of his robe. <sup>3</sup>Harmony is as refreshing as the dew from Mount Hermon that falls on the mountains of Zion. **And there the Lord has pronounced his blessing, even life everlasting.**”

- **Harmony is precious . . . like oil of Aaron’s anointing (Ex 29:7)** – poured on the head, runs down the hair - to beard – to priestly robe.
  - **anointing comes from above**, (God); We’ve been chosen; special. Our blessings come from above . . . and they saturate our whole body/life.
    - **We are blessed by God, & when we come together, blessed again!**
- **Harmony is precious . . . like dew from Mount Hermon** - makes the land **richly fruitful (Ge 27:28** – Isaac blesses Jacob: “May God give you heaven’s dew and earth’s richness— an abundance of grain and new wine.”).
  - Dew sustains life... God sustains us, takes care of us.
- Come together to Praise God. It’s beautiful!
  - **harmony in worship** . . . come together in what unites us - God, we can find the differences are small, don’t matter.
    - Heaven/Worthy is the Lamb – “You redeemed people for God by Your blood from every tribe and language and people and nation.” **Rev. 5:9**
  - **Coming together is what Jesus prayed for – in that way, we’re fruitful:**  
**John 17** – Jesus’ prayer – “<sup>20</sup>“I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. <sup>21</sup>I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. . . . <sup>23</sup>. . . May they experience such **perfect unity** that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.”

- Note: **perfect unity** happens b/c: Jesus is in God & we're in Jesus. A **trinity of life. Harmony.** "I in them & You in Me— be perfectly united" (John 17:23)

- Harmony in life won't happen b/c we will /desire it. God must be part of it. **Romans 15:5** – "Now may the God who gives endurance & encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, according to Christ Jesus"

### How do we live in harmony together?

- 1 – **Recognize: harmony comes from God.** God gives us **endurance** ... not easy.
- 2 – **Appreciate others & their differences.**
  - **Romans 12:4-6** – "Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, <sup>5</sup> so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. <sup>6</sup> In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well."
    - Different **parts of the body** come together for the **body** to be **whole**.
    - Different **people** must come together for **Body of Christ** to be **whole!**
- 3 – **Live with humility.**
  - **Romans 12:16** – NLT - "Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!"
    - Heart of the matter – **Pride.** Not better than another.
    - **Phil. 2:5-7** – "Have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Although he was in the form of God and equal with God, he did not take advantage of this equality. Instead, he emptied himself by taking on the form of a servant, by becoming like other humans, by having a human appearance."

**Song of the week – "Come Together" – Cain**

**Online only next week.**