

## Psalm 133: Good Times

It's not just good, it's thoroughly *pleasant* when families, neighbours, congregations and communities live and work together harmoniously. So sang Jewish pilgrims on their way to Jerusalem for religious festivals, hundreds of years before Christ.

150 Psalms constitute the 'hymn-book' of God's 'old covenant' people Israel, and are equally loved by Christians worldwide, constantly read, sung and quoted.

'The Lord is my Shepherd...'

'I lift up my eyes to the hills...'

'This is the day the Lord has made...'

All Psalms, with nos. 120-134 designated 'songs of ascent' for the journey up to Jerusalem. We might call them 'songs for the road'!

This little gem expresses the beauty of harmonious fellowship, when we take the focus off ourselves and our individual aspirations to worship God together.

Harmony brings a blessing both rich and refreshing, as when the oil anointing the High Priest is poured out *generously*, overflowing to his beard and collar. Or when the wind carries cool, moist air from snow-capped Mt. Hermon in the far north to relieve the summer-parched citizens of Jerusalem (Zion) in the south.

Peace seems to bring blessing. It feels good to be alive.

And we're happy.

For so, it seems, is the Lord we are coming to worship!