

What You Cannot Gain by Faith

1{A Song of degrees of David.} Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

2It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

3As 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.

- God is watching how well you choose to get along
- 2Two things God says it is like Oil (anointing) - Dew (favor).

Genesis 11 1-7

1And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. 2And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

3And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. 4And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. 5And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. 6And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

- They communicated well with each other
- They agreed to say the same things
- Do the same thing

- Gods analysis - NOTHING IMPOSSIBLE TO THEM took away the ability to communicate and say the same things
- Faith is never mentioned

The Rhoda Factor

5Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

11And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews. 12And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying. 13And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda. 14And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate. 15And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his angel. 16But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened the door, and saw him, they were astonished.

- The church was saying the same thing and gathered together as a point of contact and strength
- God acknowledges their prayer with expectation (something would happen)
- Despite his unbelief Peter rescued
- Church astonished - despite their lack of faith God remarkably moves
- The people becoming as one, saying the same thing, agreeing together, in one place. (Acts)

Now abideth faith love these three but the greatest of these is love. / The practice of Unity develops love/ strife bitterness and division.

A house divided against itself cannot stand (when you stand praying?) (having done all stand?)

Ephesians 4 -12

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13Till 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: 14That 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; 15But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love•