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Life Forevermore

"It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing – life forevermore."

Psalm 133:3

The anointing oil came first upon the head of Aaron, then descended to the beard, and finally to the edge or hem of his garment (vv. 1–2). The unity of brethren is described as being like this oil, but the oil itself also is a picture of the Holy Spirit! First the Holy Spirit came upon Christ, then by grace, the “gift of the Holy Spirit” was given to us by Him. Aaron is a wonderful type of this, the oil upon his head and descending to the hem of his garment (see Lev. 8:12, 30; Matt. 3:16; Acts 2:33).

The work of the Spirit is also illustrated by “the dew of Hermon.” The idea of the dew is that which vivifies and refreshes. The dew first settled on the higher mountain of Hermon, then descended to the lower mountains of Jerusalem. Mount Hermon is possibly the sight of the Transfiguration of Christ; the Transfiguration is the scene where the glory of the kingdom was foreshadowed during Christ’s ministry on earth (Matt. 16:28–17:3; 2 Pet. 1:16–17).

Mount Hermon then directs us to Israel’s blessings in the future millennial kingdom. Indeed, this is really the point of the psalm. It is upon the “mountains of Zion” that God has commanded the blessing prophetically in Psalm 133. “Life forevermore,” or eternal life, is only mentioned two times in the Old Testament: here and in Daniel 12:2. Israel waits for this, but now it has come out to us in the fullness of revelation.

Our Savior has abolished death and He has brought to light life and immortality through the gospel (2 Tim. 1:10). Eternal life is a present possession for the believer, while at the same time a hope that is yet ahead of us (Tit. 1:2). May the

very thought of this free gift refresh our hearts like the “dew of Hermon”! Let us meditate, too, upon the great cost that was paid to purchase it for us.

