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Kuishi katika umoja na watu

Zaburi 133

Umoja katika familia-ikiwa ni familia yako maalum au familia ya Mungu-ni baraka nzuri. Zaburi 133 inaweka picha ya ujasiri, ili kutusaidia kutamani umoja; na kufanya iwezekanavyo, kupatikana, na kipaumbele cha juu.

Nini hushindana na umoja?

Ni nini kinachofanya iwe kutokea?

Je, Bwana angefanya nani kufanya mchanganyiko kwa umoja?

Wakati wa mgogoro na dhiki ya kiuchumi, Zaburi 133 ni kama maji kwenye ardhi iliyoharibika. Watu ambao wamegawanywa na kuhusishwa kutoka kwa mtu mwingine wanahitaji wito wa Mungu wa "kuishi pamoja kwa umoja." Kwao, Zaburi hii inatoa matumaini na ahadi ya uhusiano katika Kristo. Watu wanakabiliwa na uhaba katika kila kitu kutoka kwa chakula na nyumba, kwa haki na upendo. Ujumbe: Mungu anatupenda sana na hatuchukua kitu (N. Koester, 2009).

- 1) Nitaonyesha maslahi kwa wengine
 - 2) Nitaendelea kukaa karibu na watu tofauti na mimi
 - 3) Siwezi kulinganisha bora kwangu na mbaya zaidi kwako
- (Jim Henderson, No Joke Project, 2016)

Zaburi hii inaendeshwa na kuishi kulingana na baraka za Mungu kama kwamba kusema yote yanakuja kwa hili: baraka za Mungu ni uzima milele. Hii ni crux ya kitheolojia ya Zaburi. Upatanisho kamili ni kwa namna fulani kushikamana na maisha na baraka kutoka kwa Mungu (S. Hannan, 2018).

Ndugu wanaoishi pamoja kwa umoja ni njia ya baraka iliyotolewa. Lakini baraka pia ni mfano wa ajabu wa ndugu wanaoishi pamoja kwa umoja (J. Goldingay, 2008).

Wiki ijayo: Zaburi 134

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In Community With Others

Psalms 133

Unity in the family—whether it's your particular family or the family of God—is a wonderful blessing. Psalm 133 puts it into bold word pictures, to help us desire unity; and make it possible, obtainable, and a high priority.

What competes with unity?

What makes it happen?

To whom would the Lord have me make overtures for unity?

In times of conflict and economic distress, Psalm 133 is like water on parched ground. People who are divided and estranged from one another need God's call to "live together in unity." For them, this Psalm offers hope and the promise of kinship in Christ. People suffer scarcity in everything from food and housing, to justice and love. The message: God loves us abundantly and holds nothing back (N. Koester, 2009).

- 1) I'll practice being unusually interested in others
 - 2) I'll practice staying in the room with difference
 - 3) I'll stop comparing my best with your worst
- (Jim Henderson, No Joke Project, 2016)

This Psalm runs from living in harmony to God's blessing as if to say it all comes down to this: God's blessing is life forevermore. This is the theological crux of the Psalm. Full harmony is somehow connected to life and blessing from God (S. Hannan, 2018).

Kinfolk living together in harmony is a means of the blessing being released. But the blessing is also an image for the wonder of kinfolk living together in harmony (J. Goldingay, 2008).

Next week: Psalm 134

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MASOMO YA MAANDIKO YA WIKI HII:

Leo: *Zaburi 24 (Mungu anakuambia nini?)*

Jumatatu: *Isaya 1: 10-17*

Jumanne: *Mathayo 10: 1-10*

Jumatano: *Warumi 15: 1-13*

Alhamisi: *1 Wakorintho 9:15-23*

Ijumaa: *Yohana 17: 20-26*

Jumamosi: *Warumi 14*

Baba, tumesikiliza Neno Lako, na kulipenda; tumepata faraja na msukumo katika wimbo na Zaburi; tumefurahi ushirika wa wale ambao, pamoja na akili na mioyo ya jamaa, wamekusifu na kukuabudu. Sasa tusaidie kuelewa-tunapoondoka mahali hapa takatifu-tunakuwa Kanisa Lako mitaani.
Katika Kristo tunaomba, Amen.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

Today: *Psalm 24 (What is God saying to you?)*

Monday: *Isaiah 1:10-17*

Tuesday: *Matthew 10:1-10*

Wednesday: *Romans 15:1-13*

Thursday: *1 Corinthians 9:15-23*

Friday: *John 17:20-26*

Saturday: *Romans 14*

Father, we've listened to Your Word, and loved it; we've found comfort and inspiration in song and psalm; we've enjoyed the companionship of those who, with kindred minds and hearts, have praised and worshiped You. Now help us understand—as we leave this sacred place—we become Your Church in the street. In Christ we pray, Amen.