

## “That they may be one even as we are one.” John 17:21

If I were to choose “the Lord’s prayer” I would choose John 17 and not the “our Father” Jesus used in the gospel of Matthew. The “our Father” was a perfect prayer for the church in the wilderness. However, John 17 is a prayer for the culmination of our walk and comes as a groaning from the Lord’s heart as He beseeches the Father on our behalf. “Oh that we may all be of one mind, one heart, one soul, one spirit.” That we may be one even as Jesus and the Father are one. Only our Creator can accomplish this feat, making all of us one and yet more individually unique than the human race as we see it today. President Bush has made unifying the nation one of his promises. Dear deceived Bush, only God can bring unity to our hearts, our families, our communities, our nation. Only an arrogant individual would think it possible to unify a nation. Our disunity is not a Democratic party versus a Republican party but spiritual powers in high places. Our warfare is not carnal, but mighty through Christ to the pulling down of strongholds.

And my dear friends, Bush is one of the strongholds that needs to be brought down. We will see shortly the shaking of all rulers, of all governments, as the old age must give way to the new.

God has the unity of the faith in mind as it is written. Before we go to the scriptures let me give you the definition of unity. Webster gives an awesome definition. Unity consists in a close junction of particles or parts, constituting a body detached from other bodies. Unity is a thing undivided itself, but separate from every other thing. Wow!!!! Can you see why Jesus admonished us to leave and detach ourselves from everything so as to become whole???? He, himself, made Himself of no reputation and emptied Himself. And as He goes so goes His body. And then Webster goes on to give the definition of the unity of the Spirit. It is “the oneness which subsists between Christ and His saints by which

the same Spirit dwells in both and both have the same disposition and aims, possessing the same graces, faith, charity and hope.” Does that sound like Jesus praying in John 17???

Some scriptures to consider: Ephesians 4:11-13 — “And He gave some apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till 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.” Now let me give you a glimpse of why the church is disunified, half baked. The teachers and pastors who were chosen to unify the body are much like Bush attempting to unify the country when he himself has no vision; they are troublemakers and definitely not lovers of truth.

One of the well known teachers told me he does not believe in the perfecting of the saints. He believes in a rapture instead. Several others asked to be severed from our fellowship when God took us on into the unity Jesus talks about in John 17. The cross is indeed a stench to the Christian leaders and therefore the churches lie dead like a big blob of dung — a stench to the Lord’s nostrils. They love their proud title of their graveyard — Lutheran, Calvary Chapel, Catholic, Vineyard, and on and on — all disunified and not even aware that perhaps the Lord is grieved and is going to another people who know Him not.

**Psalm 86:11** — “Unite my heart to fear thy name.” There is no fear of God in America so He has put a tyrannical government over us. Our hearts are all divided with our own desires that never satisfy. We would rather fear man than have a holy fear of the God who created us.

**Psalm 85** is a cry for help from David as he began to see himself as God sees him. “Surely his salvation is with them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our

land. Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.” That, my dear friends, is unity.

Americans and America must give up its own self righteousness before unity and peace can come. Believe me when I say unless Bush has an earth shaking experience with the living God, he is not born again of the wisdom of God it takes to unite even a community. He walks not in God’s ways, and he is doing what is right in his own eyes. Could he become the burning Bush??? Well, God can do anything to get this country back to the One who started it — Himself. God, Himself is about to visit this country and clean out the Washington, D. C., viper’s nest.

**Psalm 133** — “How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It 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; as 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.” Please note that salvation follows emptying oneself, unity, and then the blessing which is life for evermore. Receiving Christ is not salvation.

Now, after reading the above message, do you have the faith and the desire for life for evermore to the degree that you are willing to give up your selfish life, your ways, your will, your all??? I believe we have come to the fullness of time when we do not have the choice to choose. We either humble ourselves to a holy God or perish, for He is God, and lo and behold, we are mere man, much to our chagrin.

May His peace and His righteousness so flood our hearts that we all become one even as our Lord and the Father are One.



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