Clips from Psalms

Psalms 90:10
A Prayer of Moses the man of God

"The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away."

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"Be of the same mind in the Lord"
Philippians 4:2

The Apostle Paul writes, "I exhort Euodia, and I exhort Syntyche, to be of the same mind in the Lord" (Philippians 4:2). Paul admonished an unnamed "yokefellow" to help these two women work out their differences (Philippians 4:3). We are not told what Euodia and Syntyche's differences were but they nonetheless told to work it out. Why was it so important for Euodia and Syntyche to be of the same mind? Why is it important for brethren today to be of the same mind?

First, it was important for these women to be of one mind because God's truth is one not many. The Apostle Paul writes, "Giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as also ye were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all" (Ephesians 4:3-4). How could two people have the same hope with two different approaches? The folly of denominationalism is exposed when one thinks this through. Brethren who try to ignore or pretend their differences do not exist will also be exposed one day. The one truth will be the very thing that judges us and determines our eternal abode (John 12:48). To receive different doctrines is to pervert the one truth (Galatians 1:6-8) and bring about confusion (see 1 Corinthians 14:33).

Secondly, it was important for these two women to be of the same mind because they would be stronger as one than two. An affective military strategy is to divide an enemy and then conquer them. If the erring can get the faithful to doubt and disagree with each other then they affectively defeat them. When brethren give each other the right hand of fellowship through unity of truth they are stronger. The Philippians were facing adversaries and enemies of the cross who were perverting truth and persecuting the faithful (see Philippians 1:27-30; 3:18). To defeat these erring brethren the
faithful are encouraged to stand fast together being of the same mind, love, and being of one accord (see Philippians 2:1-3).

Thirdly, these two women are admonished to be of the same mind because peace and unity in the church was at stake. The Apostle Paul admonished the Ephesians to, “Give diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:3). To have unity and peace within any local church takes effort. All church problems can be traced back to one or more brethren not having a proper understanding of a Bible scripture. The erring become factious (1 Corinthians 11:17-19) and seek preeminence among the brotherhood (3 John 9-11). Others in the church elevate their opinions and preconceived ideas of truth to the level of divine revelation demanding that others share their convictions (Romans 14 all).

Fourthly, Euodia and Syntyche were told to be of the same mind because God commands this (see John 17:14-21; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Romans 15:5-6). To be of the same mind necessarily infers that all draw the same conclusions from studying God's word. The Apostle Paul commands that we study the word of God (2 Timothy 2:15). We are commanded to grow in knowledge (1 Peter 2:1-5). Early Christians that did not study and grow in Christ were condemned for their spiritual sloth (1 Corinthians 3:1-3; Hebrews 5:11-6:6). One faith is produced by one gospel message. The command to be of the same mind takes into consideration this one faith and one gospel.

The significance of saints being one minded cannot be understated. God intends for Christians to understand the Bible alike. Those who live in California ought to draw the same conclusions from Bible study as those who live in Texas. The word of God consistently says the same thing year in and year out. Revelation makes a natural separation between truths and lies. John writes, "And ye have an anointing from the Holy One, and ye know all things. 1 have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and because no lie is of the truth" (1 John 2:20-21). Truth saves and lies condemn. Brethren of "like precious faith" experience true strength, unity, and hope (see 2 Peter 1:1).

If you have never obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ we pray that you will consider your soul this day.

You must hear the gospel preached (Romans 10:17).

You must believe the gospel message (Hebrews 11:6).

You must confess that Jesus is the Christ (Romans 10:9).

You must acknowledge and repent of sins committed (Luke 13:3).

You must be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38).

You must remain faithful all the days of your life (Revelation 2:10).

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Welcome to all Our Visitors

We hope that you will be edified by our worship service and that you will come back at your next opportunity. If you have any questions about our worship please feel free to ask one of our members, preacher, deacons, or elders of the church.

The search for happiness, now and forevermore, ends at the beatitudes. Jesus tells us that true happiness is experienced when one recognizes their great need for forgiveness, mourns over their sins, approaches life with a, "Not my will by thy will be done" attitude, hungers and thirst for righteousness, and exercises compassion and a willingness to forgive others. These characteristics are within the minds of those who seek first the kingdom of God. Happiness belongs to them because they realize that better things await them for all eternity if they will remain faithful. We now approach the sixth beatitude, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8).

I. The Heart of Man
A. Solomon wrote, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (Proverbs 4:23).
B. With the heart we think (Proverbs 23:7), reason (Mark 2:8), understand things (Matthew 13:15), plan or intend things (Hebrews 4:12), purpose to do things (2 Corinthians 9:7), desire (Romans 10:1), love (Matthew 22:37), and trust (Proverbs 3:5).
C. The wise guard their heart rather than permitting the wicked and the ways of the world to possess the heart. When we guard or possess things we hold on "with all diligence." We live in a world where sin and the availability to sin is all around us (see Philippians 2:15).

II. Blessed are the Pure in Heart
A. "Pure" (Greek katharos) means "clean, pure, unsoiled… void of evil" (Moulton 206). The word of God draws the line between clean and unclean thinking by distinguishing between good (clean) and evil (unclean) (see Colossians 3:1-4; 1 John 2:15-17).
B. Paul wrote to Titus saying, "To the pure all things are pure: but to them that are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but both their mind and their conscience are defiled" (Titus 1:15).

III. The Pure in Heart shall see God
A. The Apostle John writes, "No man hath seen God at any time: the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him" (John 1:18).
B. The Apostle John writes, "We shall see him as he is" (see 1 John 3:1-3).
C. Again, John writes, "And they (those in heaven) shall see his face; and his name shall be on their foreheads" (Revelation 22:1-4).
D. Jesus tells us that it will be the pure in heart that see God one day in heaven. This is a glorious event to look forward to and is cause for great joy now.

Conclusion:
Those who think on pure and undefiled things are happy because they know that this is the way God would have them go. The pure heart considers God and seeks to form his life around the principles of the gospel. The pure in heart want to see God one day.