

**Synergy** Bible word: Putting certain elements together, and when they are combined there is product (not addition), and the total effect is greater than the sum. 'Peace! Peace! To those who **mind** is stayed on Him because he **trusts** You' Isaiah 26:3 A mind set on Christ allows a heart to trust Christ – one in heart and mind – multiplied peace.

**Thinking:** 2 Corinthians 3:9 – speaks about the House of God being built / **assembled** (key word) when the labourers **work together**, 2 Corinthians 3:9 – '**workers together** with God'

**Thinking:** Romans 8:28

- '**And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.**' Romans 8:28

Original language: 'God **works together** all things for good' - meaning God combines each event in our lives with everything else in our lives and the combined effect is **benefit (for the good)**.

**Thinking:**

Leviticus 26:8: '**Five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand, and your enemies will fall by the sword before you.**' 1:20; combined effect 1:100 but beyond the chase there is a victory over the enemy.

**Thinking:**

Matthew 18:20: "**For where two or three come together in My name, there am I with them.**"

Two or three gathering together *in Jesus' name*, results far greater than humans can produce.

**Thinking:**

Psalms 133. You can live together in a House. This passage speaks of dwelling together in unity: meaning *choosing to live together – the result is unity*. Unity is not the goal; it is the result. Study 1 Chronicles 12 before we study Psalm 122. The men that came to David were 'better' than him in many ways – David cared little about that. See verses 1-18. Mighty men of valour trained, articulate, fierce, swift, champions, helpers. They came to David and David answered their approach:

*"If you have come peaceably to me (Shalom) to help me, **my heart will be united with you; (then my heart shall be knit with yours, one with yours, joined with yours) but if to betray me to my enemies, since there is no wrong in my hands, may the God of our fathers look and bring judgment.**"* <sup>18</sup> **Then** the Spirit came upon Amasai, chief of the captains, and he said: "We are yours, O David; We are on your side, O son of Jesse! **Peace, peace** to you, and **peace** to your helpers! For your God helps you." So, David received them, and made them captains of the troop.

**Then** – the Spirit of God heard the willingness in their decision to be united for a cause greater than themselves – Chief of the captains caught it and prophesied – David already knew it well – greatest battle ever is to knit hearts; the battle in the mind is to come into agreement with God has already done in the heart.

And see what is prophesied: **PEACE! PEACE! PEACE!**

This is prophetic for us today as it was then.

*"**Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!**" <sup>2</sup> It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments. <sup>3</sup> It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing - Life forevermore."*

David was most likely physically looking over a nation who had assembled – for a greater cause; enemies of David united, knit heart together, the **whole nation was of one heart to make David king**.

God had raised David up to be king – why – because He had found a man who had a heart after God's own heart; who would do all His will – want to see synergy setting up the future?? Acts 13: **From this man's seed, according to the promise, God raised up for Israel a Saviour—Jesus—** "

**When** you see this you want to be part of it; when you see this, you can taste it, you can hear it, you can sense it, you can imitate it; **when** you want it – you do nothing to spoil it – this is vision – God approved – we can't forget God is the Author here – **Behold!!** 'check this out; don't miss this! Learn from this.

How good and pleasant this is!! – they've chosen to **dwelt together in unity** – **good and pleasant** (synergy)' Unity brings good and pleasant benefit; like precious (good) ointment.

**Good:** in the widest sense; it's well; beautiful, best, better, bountiful, cheerful, at ease, fair, fine, glad, goodly, goodliest, gracious, joyful, kindly, kindness, liked best, loving, merry, most pleasant, most pleasing; brings much pleasure, prosperous, ready, sweet, wealth, well, welfare, and well-favoured; Unity manifested is like precious ointment: rich, fruitful, perfumed oil – **this is the good oil.**

- A rich, right, and far-reaching flow of God's good benefit
- A rich, right, and far-reaching flow of blessing – Holy Spirit; and there is a rich, right, and far-reaching effect of eternal life – souls won!

It is possible that they didn't all agree; but beyond a mental decision or mental assent, they were **one in heart** to make things happens; to bring about the will of God; this is concord – accord is harmony, and concord is a symphony – a sounding together. Today, this is communion of the saints; and the closer we are in heart and mind, the more good and pleasant there is.

**Thinking** synergy:

Acts 1 – 2

*"When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place."* **And...** 2:1

*"These **all continued with one accord** in prayer and supplication,"* Acts 1:14

This word 'continued' – means they, all, together, were: Earnest, persevering, constantly diligent, adhering closely, continually waiting on God, binding themselves to God in their prayer and request...

**They all (the whole, not the majority), continued, with one accord – UNANIMOUS:** Fiercely together; passionate for the purpose. Let's go back to Acts 2:

*"When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place."* **And...**

**They were all with one accord** – unanimous – **of one mind**; one voice; **in one place** – same time, same place, passionate for the same thing: 'one place' – means many 'self's forming a one 'together' - they were all in a good place – not just speaking of the upper room; these were all in a good place – one place – one good frame of mind. A well framed mind is one stayed on Christ – peace, peace... **And ....** Unanimous saw the outpouring – the outpouring of the Holy Spirit – not just a picture (as beautiful as it is) of dew flowing from one mountain down the valley, but the promised Holy Spirit was poured out; the Promise; for us, for our children and for many afar off for all whom our Lord God will call.... Acts 2:39.

**In Acts 2** – a handful of believers – 120 – gathered in obedience to Christ's instructions; continuing steadfastly – assembled for purpose – **enter in power** the Holy Spirit! All, together, one mind, continuing steadfastly with one voice – unanimous in prayer – the **sound of harmony and enter the sound of heaven...** 120 added 3,000; in Acts 6 souls added became souls multiplied – a multitude.

**Key verse:** "The multitude of them that believed were of **one heart and of one soul**" Acts 4:32.

Unanimous / synergy / beyond addition there is product / multiplication of souls.

**Sun City Christian Centre and all her ministries is about to enter a new chapter ... what can one heart and one soul achieve in a House? If David had a heart after God – who could raise him up a king – from whose seed God could raise up a Saviour – what is this heart?**

God everywhere present; God sees everything; God hears everything; He knows our words before they are on our tongue; He knows the thoughts behind our words; He knows the motivation of our thoughts; He knows how we put that thought together and He knows the inclination of our heart where thoughts are conceived (Genesis 6). Psalm 139 – magnificent; see verses 2 & 4.

One of David's prayer is a major key: ***"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer."*** Psalm 19 – some say is some of the most beautiful writing in all literature. David had insight that God knew him through and through and David's desire wanted ***his inner most parts*** to be acceptable to the God who sees. David knew the connection between heart thoughts and his mouth – we know it: 'out of the overflow of the heart, the mouth speaks'

**Acceptable** in this prayer, is not acceptable as we accept it now. If something is acceptable to God, to Him it is: pleasing, desirable to look at, favourable (meaning it can have favour poured upon it) and delightful. David wanted to see and received his every word, his every thought, every motivation of his thoughts, the very inclination of his heart to be **acceptable to God! This is a heart after God.**

### **How do we bring oneness to the heart and mouth?**

In Matthew 15; Jesus quoted His Father speaking to Isaiah: ***'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honour Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. <sup>9</sup> And in vain they worship Me,...***

There is no synergy here. David knew the outward appearance doesn't always match what comes out of the mouth and he wanted to close that gap. We remember from Samuel that man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart; doesn't mean that David didn't have a good outward appearance: when they were suggesting someone to play for Saul ... ***<sup>18</sup> Then one of the servants answered and said, "Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skilful in playing, a mighty man of valour, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and the LORD is with him."*** 1 Samuel 16

This is a fair reference but no one can know the heart motivation of another; in fact, God told Jeremiah that the heart is deceitful above all things – that it is He (God) who ***searches the heart and tests the mind (or the most secret parts)***. Jeremiah 17:10. If my innermost parts were to be laid out on a table – would they be delightful to God – my whispers, my words, my thoughts, how I formulate my thoughts, my imaginations, my desires, my preferences, what I find pleasure in, my reactions, my responses....

David knew this. Proverbs 4:23 speaks strongly of keeping our heart with all diligence because out of flow the issues of life. John 7 speaks of living waters flowing from our belly – our inner most parts. How caught we can be in the need to be keeping up appearances when we know from Proverbs that we are actually to keep our heart **and** with all diligence because of the heart flow the issues of life.

At the end of Psalm 139 David prays (hundreds of years prior to Isaiah's ministry): ***<sup>23</sup>Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; <sup>24</sup>and see if there is any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting."***

Whoever has read anything of David knows he was not always a perfect man; at times not a good man; but God says of him ... ***Acts 13:22: a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.'***

Application: Singly: If we are at a distance from God; if sin is too easy; if I can keep doing the things that I know are wrong and the prick of conviction has long since visited – pay attention to David – he re-established the beauty and greatness of God; the beauty and power of His word. David understood the propensity for the deceitfulness in our own heart to make sin nothing, pretending that God doesn't see or care. If I don't respond to conviction (no matter what form it comes in or from, I will receive it as condemnation. Search **my** heart God; test **my** mind – try me; lead **me** God.

Ps 19:

David has just spent the first six verses in magnificent prophetic explanation of how the universe glorifies; testifies to God – prophesying Christ; he extols the majesty of creation – some people consider this psalm some of the most magnificent writings in all literature. **He contemplates His Maker.**

He then spends 5 verses **delighting in the Word of God** – not seeing it as a restraint or an enemy, but as eternally important for character and life. So we see here now the power of the Word of God, when the

Author is loved and the Holy Spirit is present; we can see here; hear here, David's love the teaching of the Lord – that same teaching able to keep his heart after God's.

*"7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; 8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; 9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. 11 Moreover by them Your servant is warned, and in keeping them there is great reward.*

David has contemplated the heavens and he's contemplated the word, and it has led him to these three verses - simply wanting to please God – only wanting to please God – he rarely bowed to pleasing man; wanting to be clean before God; he has moved into prayer in the light of His first love, almighty Creator – the lover of his soul and the perfect provision of His law to keep him.

He has compared himself with the perfect and found himself exposed. He's appealing to God that his song, his prayer would be acceptable – not the way we mean acceptable – David wanted God to receive his every word, his every thought, every motivation of his thoughts, the very inclination of his heart to be pleasing, desirable to look at, to be pleasant, pleasing, favourable and delightful – David wanted God to delight in him. This is a heart after God.

*12 Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults. 13 Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and I shall be innocent of great transgression. 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength, and my Redeemer.* His desire is to close the gap between his heart and his lips.

Corporately: Revival doesn't start in a meeting – revival starts in the heart and the soul unites ... the multitude of believers were of one heart and one soul – multiplication around the globe continuing...

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