

# The Power of Agreement

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2 Chronicles 5:13 (NLT)

*The trumpeters and singers performed together in unison to praise and give thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals, and other instruments, they raised their voices and praised the LORD with these words: "He is good! His faithful love endures forever!" At that moment a thick cloud filled the Temple of the LORD.*

"In unison" is the word "echad", which refers back to the "shema", the central confession of faith of Israel:

Deuteronomy 6:4 (ESV)

*"Hear [shema], O Israel: The LORD our God, the Lord is one [echad]."*

We need to be one as YHWH is one! When we worship "in unison", it attracts the manifest presence of YHWH!

## **>>> True unity attracts the presence of YHWH!**

Jesus taught the same principle as the guiding principle for the church:

Matthew 18:19-20 (ESV)

*19 "Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."*

## **>>> True unity leads to our Father answering our prayers**

Romans 15:5-7 (NLT)

*5 May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. 6 Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*7 Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory.*

## **>>> True unity means we need to accept each other as Christ accepted us!**

Acts 2:46-47 (NIV)

*46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising*

God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

**>>> True unity makes the church so attractive that the lost will want to join it and get saved!**

As Jesus said:

John 13:35 (ESV)

*By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*

Acts 2:46 (NIV)

*They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts*

Sincere hearts: "sincere" is literally "with rocky soil" >>> we need to remove the rocks of offense in our hearts to be truly one with one another!

**>>> We can only have true unity if we get rid of the offenses we harbor in our hearts.**

Some of us:

Offended at God

Offended by your pastors

Offended by the worship team leader

Offended by other worship team members

Offended by other people in church

Let's get those offenses out of the way and get back into agreement and alignment!