

DA15. Being Likeminded and in Unity with the Brethren.

We are to be likeminded and in unity with the brethren.

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

John 17:20-23

I pray not only for these, but also for those who will trust in me because of their word, that they may all be one. Just as you, Father, are united with me and I with you, I pray that they may be united with us, so that the world may believe that you sent me. The glory which you have given to me, I have given to them; so that they may be one, just as we are one – I united with them and you with me, so that they may be completely one, and the world thus realize that you sent me, and that you have loved them just as you have loved me.

1 Corinthians 1:10

Nevertheless, brothers, I call on you in the name of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah to agree, all of you, in what you say, and not to let yourselves remain split into factions but be restored to having a common mind and a common purpose.

1 Peter 3:8

Finally, all of you, be one in mind and feeling; love as brothers; and be compassionate and humble-minded,

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 18:19-20

John 17:11, 21

Acts 4:32

Romans 12:5, 16, 15:5-6, 16:17

1 Corinthians 1:10, 4:6, 11:18, 12:12-14, 25

2 Corinthians 13:11

Galatians 3:28

Ephesians 4:2-3, 11-13, 16

Philippians 1:27, 2:1-2

Colossians 2:2, 3:14

1 Peter 3:8

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

1 Samuel 11:7

"Anyone who doesn't come and follow Sha'ul and Sh'mu'el, this is what will be done to his oxen!" The fear of ADONAI fell on the people, and they came out with united hearts.

Judges 20:8

All the people stood up in agreement and said, "None of us will go home to his tent or his house.

Judges 20:11

Thus all the men of Isra'el, joined together in complete agreement, assembled to attack the city.

Psalms 133:1

Oh, how good, how pleasant it is for brothers to live together in harmony.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Two are better than one, in that their cooperative efforts yield this advantage: if one of them falls, the other will help his partner up- woe to him who is alone when he falls and has no one to help him up. Again, if two people sleep together, they keep each other warm; but how can one person be warm by himself? Moreover, an attacker may defeat someone who is alone, but two can resist him; and a three-stranded cord is not easily broken.

Amos 3:3

Do two people travel together without having so agreed?

Comment

The very existence of Scriptures that implore us to be likeminded and in unity suggests that at the time they were written the body of believers was not. That was then, and now is now, and nothing much has changed; we still are not. Being in unity requires first being likeminded, and being likeminded can only occur when we ascribe to the same laws and principles of conduct; for we who are believers in Yeshua, the laws and principles must be the Word of God as recorded in the *Tanakh* and the *Kitvey B'rit Chadasha*.

We live in a predominantly secular society under secular governments. When believers, acting through our congregations and churches, listen to God and interpret the Scripture in the same correct way, we are a godly witness, and are able to influence society in a godly direction. When we are not likeminded and not in unity, however, we play into the hands of the adversary, weaken God's influence, and strengthen that of the adversary.

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