

105.5 United or Untied?

Two preachers were friends. One was white and the other black. They liked to argue as to God's color. The white preacher claimed God was white. The black preacher claimed He was black. Back and forth, they would argue in good-natured fun, each citing evidence for his side.

One day the two men were driving and had an accident, instantly killing both. Angels escorted them into the throne room of God and told them to wait, that He would be there momentarily. Even there, their argument continued. "Just wait; now you will see that He is black." "No, YOU wait; he's white."

Just then, God entered the room and sat down on His throne. He said, "Buenos dias."

We could go in many different directions with this story, but one point I want to make is the reality of division. The Marxist MO is to divide and conquer. Dividing your enemy is an excellent military strategy that **William Sherman** proved when he and his troops marched through Georgia and into SC during the waning months of the Civil War. If you can destroy the unity of a nation, you can conquer it.

The modern Marxists have done a masterful job of dividing Americans since coming to America in the mid-nineteenth century. "*One nation under God*," as we pledge, is not reality. We have separated from God and divided over race, politics, gender, sexual orientation, religion, and moral issues. I recently read that various major universities have segregated graduation ceremonies based on race or sexual preference. Civil Rights leaders from the 1960s (and 1860s, for that matter) would be distressed over returning to the Jim Crow "separate but equal" regulations.

Unity is a powerful force for good or evil. Communists are united and devoted to destroying liberty in all free nations. They succeed by first dividing and then conquering. As a result, our whole world lies in darkness. If Christians maintained the same level of devotion and unity, the world would know Christ, and His kingdom would blossom.

The Wise Man reminds us in **Ecclesiastes 4:12** that a "**threefold cord is not easily broken.**" You and I are two cords, and God is the third one of our united bundle. When He is removed, the two remaining cords are easily broken.

We have a denominationally-fragmented Christian world that is detrimental to the cause of Christ and liberty. Jesus prayed for our unity in **John 17**, but we remain separated, in some cases, by trivial pursuits. Our American ancestors were from different denominations yet providentially came together for their common cause.

One of the great illustrations of unity came when the Continental Congress decided to open its sessions in prayer in 1774. Let me read **John Adams'** account of the event in a letter to Abigail on September 7, 1774.

When the Congress met, Mr. Cushing made a motion that it should be opened with Prayer. It was opposed by Mr. Jay of New York, and Mr. Rutledge of South Carolina because we were so divided in religious sentiments, some Episcopalians, some Quakers, some Anabaptists, some Presbyterians, and some Congregationalists, that we could not join in the same act of worship.

Mr. Samuel Adams arose and said that he was no bigot, and could hear a Prayer from any gentleman of Piety and virtue, who was at the same time a friend to his Country. He was a stranger in Philadelphia, but had heard that Mr. Duche' deserved that character, and therefore he moved that Mr. Duche', an Episcopal clergyman might be desired to read Prayers to Congress tomorrow morning. The motion was seconded, and passed in the affirmative. Mr. Randolph, our president, vailed on Mr. Duche', and received for answer, that if his health would permit, he certainly would.

Accordingly, next morning [Reverend Mr. Duche'] appeared with his clerk and in his pontificals, and read several prayers in the established form, and read the collect for the seventh day of September, which was the thirty-fifth Psalm. You must remember, this was the next morning after we heard the horrible rumor of the cannonade of Boston.

I never saw a greater effect upon an audience. It seemed as if heaven had ordained that Psalm to be read on that morning. After this, Mr. Duche', unexpectedly to every body, struck out into an extemporary prayer, which filled the bosom of every man present. I must confess, I never heard a better prayer, or one so well pronounced.

Take the time to read Psalm 35 and see how this passage providentially fits their time.

Despite differences, the men recognized the one Supreme Being, and rather than judge one another's theology, they worked together in unity with the **“one God and Father of all” (Ephesians 4:6)**. They left the eternal judgments to Him and focused their energy on their common enemy, **King George III**. Our patriot ancestors defeated the powers of darkness in their day.

We do not have to compromise our beliefs, but knowing that the enemy tries to divide and conquer, we can fight back and rebuild the threefold cord. If we are ignorant of his devices (**2 Corinthians 2:11**), he will divide and conquer us. In *The Art of War*, the highly successful Chinese General **Sun Tzu** stated:

Let your plans be dark and impenetrable as the night, and when you move, fall like a thunderbolt.

Jesus did not reveal His plan so that everyone, including Satan, understood His resurrection. Many, including the twelve, had *“ears to hear but did not hear.”* Instead, He worked His plan to accomplish His purpose for us and reveal the Father's will. **1 Corinthians 2:7-8** (NKJV) reads:

⁷But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, ⁸which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

Jesus sprang His resurrection on our common enemy. Either Satan did not know or perceive what Jesus predicted. So, he crucified Jesus, thinking that was the end of Him. But Christ always has the last word.

While you and I may disagree on various biblical points of view, we are not enemies. We can unite in Jesus and fight the common foe. He is trying to subjugate and destroy us by dividing us on every level. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead can enable us to unite in the right.

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