The Power of Oneness

"The Lord came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building. The Lord said, 'If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them.' " (Gen. 11:5-6)

Enormous power was now in the hands of fallen man. This would increase exponentially in rebellion against God and destroy all that He had created. So in one masterstroke the Lord God wiped out this great danger by confusing their language so they couldn't communicate with one another. This is how God brought to nothing their "oneness", destroying the limitless power of fallen people lying under the curse of sin.

But the Lord does not love confusion and division. He would never have caused it at Babel had it not been absolutely necessary in order to save us human beings from far greater sin and destruction. Oneness of purpose and communication would have given us unlimited power with which to destroy God's world and ourselves. But the Lord Jesus came to heal, and to remove the effects of the curse by becoming a curse for us on the Cross. In His great High Priestly prayer in John 17, He indicates that at the Cross the "oneness" was restored with a new centre and in a new sphere, ***"… that they may be one; just as you Father are in Me and I in you, that they also may be in us"***. (Jn. 17:21) What Jesus accomplished on the Cross is His declared purpose, ***"That He might create in Himself … one new man."*** (Eph. 2:15)

Just as Adam and all who were his children formed the people who combined at Babel and were scattered into separate units with diverse languages, so our Last Adam, the Lord Jesus, has formed a new people with one language (worship). They have one purpose united in one life to bring glory to God in one sphere where God is not truly worshipped. The oneness of the human race under the first Adam that was destroyed at Babel, has been restored by the Lord Jesus – the Last Adam.

All of us who have died with the Lord Jesus as the Last Adam on the Cross have died to any recognition of our old head – the first Adam. As a consequence we should understand that the supreme condition of power to accomplish great works for God lies in unity. If God said that there was nothing that could not be achieved by the human race when they combined in unity of purpose with good communication, how much more true it is that there is nothing the body of the Lord Jesus cannot accomplish when they are bound together in unity and focused on accomplishing the same purpose.

So what position will we take? Will we speak and act as descendants of the first Adam or will we clearly be under the authority of the Second Adam as 'one people' having 'one language' and in 'one accord' with our Risen Head upon the throne of power. Will we show that we have been brought into union with Him through sharing His death on the Cross?

The Spirit of God is well able to unite us, but we need to seek His will intelligently so we can co-operate with Him in His work in His world. We must understand the power of the oneness of working together. Unity is of supreme importance to the Lord Jesus. Unity is much more important than just the good of one member. We need to pray not only for ourselves, our team, our country, our Field and our Area, but for a oneness between all in our company working among "Majority" peoples. We need to seek this with more intensely than we seek for any personal blessing.

We need to be more aware of the ceaseless efforts of the adversary using his innumerable wiles to divide us. There should ***"be no divisions among you, but you should be united in the same mind and in the same judgment"***. (1 Cor. 12:10) In Ephesians we see people of

different backgrounds and nationalities reconciled not only to God, but to each other by both dying with the Lord Jesus on the Cross. (Eph. 2:16) This death on the Cross killed their natural differences of birth, language, culture etc. so that through the Cross they were able to enter the sphere of the Last Adam – Jesus. In Eph. 4 we see the result of this – ***"humility", "gentleness", "patience", "bearing with one another in love", "eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace".***

When each of us does this, then by the grace given to us we will each say the same thing and we will reach oneness of mind and oneness of judgment. Then nothing will be impossible for us.

The "Majority" peoples need our support. They need to meet Jesus. Now is the time for us to move on to greater things. May the spirit of prayer be poured out and the spirit of unity, so that the "power of oneness" will be evident among us in greater and greater measure. Let us rise up as "one man" to be used of God as He removes the scales from the eyes of these people so they may see Jesus. So let us rejoice in the possibilities. There is much we can do to share and learn from each other; to help each other and to stimulate each other. Let's believe God together for His Kingdom to come in greater and greater measure.