

Meeting Wrongs Right



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We all have trials, tests, and wrongs to deal with, but the key issue is to *meet* them according to God's *Word*! Responding to difficult things; insulting people; or an injustice toward our children in a Scriptural way, is connected to entering God's *kingdom*, because *how* we meet things in *our life* indicates what is in *our heart*.

If we believe *God's* way to meet the wrong, is the *only* way to meet it, and if we have God's Gift of the Spirit within, we will be *able* to meet such *wrongs* in a *right* way. The first thing we need is a *humble* attitude and a *willing* heart.

Philippians 2:5 "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

Having His attitude is being obedient to the Word, because Jesus *purchased* our life for a very high price—and whether anyone realizes that or appreciates what He did, *everyone* will eventually confess 11, "that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Jesus reminded John 8:24 "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." Everyone will admit that Jesus *is* God, and then

must be willing to trust Him in faith—especially when meeting wrongs. It is far better to admit that *now* on earth *in obedience*, than be compelled to admit it later in Hell and *in shame*. Millions will call on the mountains and rocks to hide them from the *wrath* of Almighty God Rev. 6:16.

We must keep our faith and trust on the Atonement Blood of Christ to bring about the *death of self*—this puts the *life of Christ* in our heart. Matthew 15:18 "Those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. 19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts [bitterness; resentment; anger; hostility], murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies [profanities]."

Cain did not meet jealousy right which led to anger, violence, and murder. We are to 1 John 3:11-12 "love one another, not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works [actions] were evil [no atonement through no faith] and his brother's [actions] righteous [full atonement through real faith on shed blood]."

King Saul was also jealous and resentful, so he did not meet David right, and Saul finally committed suicide—sending himself to the lake of fire, because 1 John 3:15 "Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him."

Anyone at any *time* can say or do something that brings out a wrong attitude or causes resentment. No matter how wrongly we, or a loved one, have been treated, insulted, or wronged, God has a scriptural response that is opposite to the world! Meeting wrongs *right* sets a marvelous *example* for our children to see, hear, and follow when *they* are wronged in some way.

Romans 12:19 "Never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God. For it is written Lev. 19:18, 'I will take vengeance; I will repay those who deserve it,' says the Lord." We are *not* to resent an injury,

and *never* return an insult, because Romans 12:19 "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord."

Meeting things right applies to everything—if we are cheated, insulted, lied about, or slandered; if we are put down, taken advantage of, or our children harmed—all such things are learning lessons for spiritual growth—if—our response is right. Matthew 7:19 "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

Things we encounter and *how* we meet them, will result in either spiritual *progress* if met like the Lord—or in spiritual *regression* if met like the world. We will either *learn* from them, or *stumble over* them. Far too many lose sleep and shed tears over wrongs and hateful things said to them, but no one has to lose sleep or shed tears to please the devil, because God will give His peace; His sleep; and His correction, if the wrong is met right.

Philippians 4:6 "Be careful for [anxious or upset about] nothing; but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." We thank God for the spiritual lesson; meet it right by the power of His Spirit; and move on to another lesson.

If we do *our* part by meeting wrongs right and refuse to resent, God will do *His* part by giving His peace and His solution. Then Philippians 4:7 "The peace of God" no anxiety, tears, or lack of sleep—but His peace "which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Deciding to meet things right by the power of God's Spirit, results in divine peace *from Heaven*, which is far better than keeping hard feelings *on earth*. Instead of stumbling over something that is meant to be a spiritual help, we

move toward the goal of God's kingdom, and set a right example for our family and the children.

We walk in God's peace by meeting it like Christ, or we can walk with the world by tripping over the lesson. To *meet it right* is to Matthew 5:44-45 "*Love your enemies, bless those cursing you, do good to those hating you, and pray for those accusing you falsely, and persecuting you, that ye may be sons of your Father in the heavens.*"

When we pray for those who harm us, a change takes place in *our* heart. There is room for only *one* to work in our heart, and God has assigned *Himself* to that task. We often stand in His way and we hinder spiritual growth.

Instead of trying to *even the score*, we are to *forgive from the heart*, and "*do what the Scriptures say: 'If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink, and they will be ashamed of what they have done to you. Don't let evil get the best of you, but conquer evil by doing good'*" Rom. 12:20-21.

The minute we *resent* an injury; are *offended* by someone's words; or are *upset* by how our children are treated and mistreated—we are meeting the wrong; *wrongly*—we are being overcome by evil. God said to Cain Genesis 4:7 "*If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it*"—or meet the wrong right.

Every upsetting situation is to be placed before God in *prayer*—but we cannot *pray* right until we want to *meet* it right. Romans 12:21 "*Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.*" We are not to *be overcome* by getting even, but to *overcome evil* by praying on our knees to God. We are to overcome hatred with *love*; cursing with *blessing*; and persecution with *prayer*.

No matter *what* happened; *who* did the wrong or said the insult, *our* response is to meet it right by the power of the Spirit. There are

many kinds of trials—unreasonable demands; physical attacks; financial needs; home issues; school problems; rebellious attitudes, work difficulties; disturbing neighbors; annoying people; or anything that is upsetting. All must be met right for spiritual growth to result. John 15:5 "*He who continues [abideth] in me and in whom I continue bears abundant fruit.*"

Meeting things right, by keeping our eyes on Him, results in the death of self—that rebellious nature which *had* control—but not anymore. If God had not given us the *privilege* of meeting wrongs right—through the power of His Spirit—there would be no other way to *stop* the *sin* nature from taking over control of us.

Every *day* we should be *learning*—growing, and *conforming* to Christ—1 Peter 1:13-14 "*Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.*" We must be ready to meet every wrong right—that is spiritual fruit.

We *have* to produce spiritual fruit if we want to *continue* in Christ. A huge spiritual *work* has to be done in our heart, because we started with a rebellious *nature*—a worldly *attitude* that responded to things like the world—until we realized this and let God take control.

From the day we were born, we are heading toward the fire, and there is no way to change our direction by our own plan or by human power. There is no way of diverting our eventual plunge into eternal suffering and unquenchable fire—if *God* had not intervened!

We must exchange self and the devil, for God and His Son. Jesus is to be our *whole life*, as we learn to *meet wrongs right* in this life. Everything touching our life will work to that end, if we allow God to teach us what we need to

know, and do not hinder progress by thinking we *already* know.

We *must* be willing to meet every injustice in a right and scriptural way, because the world doesn't meet *anything* right, and does *not* show any spiritual fruit! Meeting wrongs right results in the best for the believer, 2 Corinthians 7:10 "*For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.*"

God will enable us to meet trials *according to His Word*, if we will allow Him to help us *through His Spirit*. We must be sincere and willing to learn spiritual lessons from what we meet in life. God wants us to have good health, divine healing, inner peace, daily supplies, cooperation at home, and loved ones entering His kingdom with us—we just need to trust Him in faith, and rely on the Atonement sacrifice of His Son.

Meeting wrongs right, by the power of God's Spirit, is the true walk of faith in this life. The apostle prayed that Ephesians 1:17 "*the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.*"

Our eternal inheritance is connected to believing what Jesus said John 6:29 "*This is above all the thing that God requires—that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.*" Believing Jesus and meeting wrongs right—is forever linked to His eternal kingdom!



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