

MEETING

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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, may have been treated, insulted, or wronged, God has a scriptural response that is opposite to the world! **Meeting things right sets a good example for others, and especially for our children to see, hear, and follow when they are wronged in some way.**

Every day we will find we have situations where we have to decide, ‘What is the right way to meet this situation?’ It is very important to follow the example Jesus set in meeting things right. NLT 1 Peter 2:23 He *“did not retaliate when he was insulted. When he suffered, he did not threaten to get even. He left his case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly.”*

Jesus has given many examples on how to meet every situation. How we meet things reveals if we are trusting God or if we are not trusting Him. Do we let Him avenge wrongs and injustices done to us, or do we try to say something or do something of ourselves?

If we are ill, we trust God for healing; and if we are short on money, we trust Him for finances; but when we are offended, do we trust Him to correct the wrong, or do we avenge the injustice?

The sin nature must be removed, and the divine nature must take its place and remove all the wrong responses that once resided in our heart from the beginning. Only with a divine nature in control could we be meeting things right. The wrong responses come from the wrong nature within our heart; but the right responses from a believer, come from a divine nature that is now in control of a believer’s heart.

To have the sin nature removed, is of great importance, it is rebellious and will not trust God for anything. There are only two ways to meet issues, and they lead to two opposite destinations—the divine nature leads to life, and the sin nature leads to death. God wants to remove that rebellious and unbelieving nature from our heart so He can install a trusting and believing nature in its place—but we have to let Him do it.

Meeting issues according to the world’s way results in more difficulties and eventual death and suffering, but meeting things in the Lord’s way leads to scriptural solutions, happiness, and the promised eternal life in Heaven. It’s our responsibility to maintain our faith on the Atonement work of Christ. We accept correction because Hebrews 12:10 NIV tells us *“God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness.”*

When going through any trial, we are to remain in God’s will by meeting it according to God’s Word. We may be tested on our love for God, as Abraham was tested, to see if there is any idol in our heart. God must be able to say to us as He said to Abraham in AV Genesis 22:12 *“Now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.”*

When we meet with difficult trials, it is because there is some spiritual work that needs to be done within our hearts. Every situation met, whether in the home, at work, with friends, or anywhere and from anyone, has the potential to reveal some self-trust or hidden rebellion in our heart which needs to be removed. It took Joseph two years to get rid of self, but it could take two minutes when we are willing to respond scripturally.

God alone can reveal self-trust in our heart. John 12:46-48 NKJV *“I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness. And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.”*

We must have rebellion removed and divine love take its place if we ever expect to make Eternal Life and walk with our Savior. The sin nature must die in us, so the divine nature can live in us. The attitude of our heart must be revealed with the divine nature in full control. NKJV Hebrews 3:8-9 *“Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness, Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years.”*

It is a serious matter Hebrews 3:12 NKJV *“Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;”* because Jesus has sufficiently warned us WEY John 5:29, *“they who have done what is right to the resurrection of Life, and they whose actions have been evil to the resurrection of judgement.”*

Meeting things according to God’s will and Word brings about the death of the sin nature—which comes about in no other way. From the beginning, man tried to right his own wrongs by his own methods, but today God has given us the privilege to meet our wrongs in a scriptural way so that the sin nature can be deleted. There is no way that one could estimate the value of having the divine nature replace the sin nature in our heart.

The rebellious nature will bring about such terrible torture and torment and has been sending people to the ‘lake of fire’ for centuries and will suffer the worst torture forever; but God, out of His great love and mercy, wants to install His divine nature within us and lead us to Eternal life in Heaven, to enjoy the best reward imaginable. John 12:24 WEY *“Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains what it was—a single grain; but that if it dies, it yields a rich harvest [much fruit AV].”*

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.**

As a believer, we are responsible to meet all things scripturally—financial issues, work problems, home situations, difficult people, physical oppressions, insults, or anything that Satan would try to bring against us, we are to meet it in a right way and according to God's Word. Satan is always stalking to catch us off guard, so we are often not aware of what is going on. We have to be ready to refuse any suggestions from him.

We need to be ready to, *“resist him, standing firm in the faith”* 1 Peter 5:9 NIV means not to accept any human way out, nor follow any of the world's ways out, but to remain firm in the will of God on the issue. Since we began with the sin nature in control, then we will have to deliberately give our life to God, and to begin meeting things scripturally, by the help of the Holy Spirit. There is no other place to practice faith, and there is no other life to trust God.

To resist the devil when oppressed means we should never miss a meal, not a church service, and not a day of going into work, because, if we have decided to trust God in faith, we will therefore act in faith on His promises. We are to resist the devil standing firm in the faith because Jesus destroyed the devil's work.

1 John 3:8 (KJV) *“He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.”*

When we have confessed our sins and have placed our faith in the atoning Blood of Christ, we cannot do anything less than act in faith on our stated belief in Christ. God will back up every step of faith we take on His promise to heal and strengthen, to deliver and change. The man who was carried to Jesus by four men got up and walked right after Jesus said AV Mark 2:5 *“Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.”*

Resisting the devil and depending on God means we are not to play sick, but to act well in faith on the

promise of God and truly believe that our sins are forgiven so we can act in faith. The sin nature would have us lie around in doubt on the Word of God, but the divine nature has us get up in faith on the Blood of Christ. The Bible links us only to God, as Israel was to the desert.

Meeting financial temptations scripturally means we never place ourselves in a position where we would go into debt, because God says we should go to Him in prayer and in faith for what we need. A believer cannot ask one person for a penny but is to ask God in prayer and in faith for as much as they would need.

If we are trusting God, then we cannot borrow money, and we cannot accept money on credit. The unbeliever wants to take now and pay later, but the believer is to pay now and take later—Romans 13:8 (KJV) *“Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.”*

We should not be discouraged over financial matters but make all requests known to God alone. Money issues are met scripturally when we place them in God's hands in private; but we are not meeting them scripturally if we take the request out of God's hands by telling other people. We are to reject any suggestions from the devil, so that God can supply the need.

When we make our financial needs known to someone outside of God, we are being as rebellious in heart as Israel was in the desert—when they would not trust God to take them into the Promised Land. Deuteronomy 9:23 *“You rebelled against the command of the LORD your God. You did not trust [believe NKJV] him or obey him.”*

We are being as rebellious as King Saul, who brought back King Agag and some cattle from the Amalekites, in disobedience to God. AV 1 Samuel 15:23 *“For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.”*

If we fail to meet such things scripturally, we will send ourselves to the flames—sooner or later. If we are not willing to trust God for such minor things as money, how could we trust Him for major issues like

salvation! There are more things that hinge on meeting tests scripturally than we realize, because the Bible says rebellion against the Word of God is a sin against the will of God.

We are not to go into debt for any thing—for any reason. We are not to ask anyone for financial help, and not let anyone know we need a cent, because our faith and our trust is only on God because He promises to, as NKJV Philippians 4:19 tells us *“supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”*

When we meet financial matters right, we access our bank account—our inexhaustible treasure that is laid up for us in Heaven. When we learn how to meet these trials according to the Word of God, we will not have to worry about how to get money, but how to dispense the surplus.

Physical battles, financial issues, or difficult trials are just for refining our faith—it is all part of learning to trust God. Satan wants to devour us, but we are to *“withstand him, firm in your faith; knowing that your brethren in other parts of the world are passing through just the same experiences”* 1 Peter 5:9 WEY.

The God of grace and forgiveness will back up every promise in the Word. He alone knows how to do this spiritual work, and how to remove rebellion, so that a trusting nature can be installed in our heart—but we have to give Him the job.

Everyone will be tempted and tested, but if we will meet things according to the Word of God and by the power of His Spirit, God will perfect our faith and bring us to victory. It will be worth it all because 1 Peter 5:10-11 NKJV *“the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while [been tested, but still trusting, will], perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.”*

‘Meeting Things Right’ now has great eternal rewards later, that we don't want to miss.



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