

# Wrongs— Met Right!



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Our *response* to wrongs, insults, and mean treatment come from the overflow of our *heart*—it is an indicator of our attitude toward God and His Word—whether we are *in Christ* or *in the world*. We all have wrongs and offenses to deal with, but the issue is to *meet* them scripturally. Responding to an *injustice* displays what is in our *heart!* *What's in your heart*—is the question!

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

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.*”

Having the attitude of the Lord is being obedient to the Word. Jesus *purchased* our life for a very high price—and whether a person realizes that or whether they appreciate what He did for the world, *everyone* will soon have to admit<sup>11</sup> “*That Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*”

Jesus said to some unbelieving Jews John 8:24 “*Ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.*” Everyone will have to admit that Jesus *is* God, and then must be

willing to trust Him in faith as God—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 Revelation 6:16.

We must keep our 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.*”

Cain did not meet jealousy right, and it 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 [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 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 “*Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.*”

Anyone at any *time* can say or do something that brings out a wrong attitude in us or causes resentment in our heart. No matter how wrongly we have been treated, insulted, or wronged, God has a scriptural response that is opposite to the world! Meeting wrongs *right* sets a right *example* for our children and others 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 Leviticus 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 “*Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith 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—and only if—our response is right. Matthew 7:19 “*Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.*”

Things we encounter and *how* we meet them, results 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 have lost 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 every thing 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.

If we do *our* part by meeting wrongs in a right way and refuse to resent it, God will do *His* part by giving us His peace, His solution, and eventually His Kingdom. 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 the Spirit, results in divine peace *from Heaven*, which is so much better than keeping resentment *on earth*. Instead of stumbling over something

that is meant to be a spiritual lesson, we move ahead toward the goal of God's kingdom.

We walk in God's peace by meeting wrongs 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. The heart has room for only *one* to work, and God has assigned *Himself* to that task. Have we room for the Lord in our heart—is the question. Let us *not* 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'*" Romans 12:20-21.

The minute we *resent* an injury; when we 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 you must meet the wrong right.

Every upsetting situation is placed before God in *prayer*—because we cannot *pray* right until we *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 getting on our knees in prayer. 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. Wrongs come in every type—unreasonable demands; physical attacks; financial needs; home issues; school problems; rebellious attitudes, work difficulties; disturbing neighbors; annoying people; or anything that upsets. All must be met right for spiritual growth to result. John 15:5 "*He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing*"—or meet any wrong right!

Meeting things right by abiding in Him results in the removal of self—that rebellious nature which *had* control—but not anymore. If God had not given us the *privilege* and the *ability* of meeting wrongs right through the power of His Spirit—there would be no other way to *stop* the *sin* nature from taking 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 so we can *continue* in Christ. A *huge* spiritual *work* has to be done in our heart, because we *had* a rebellious *nature* and a worldly *attitude* that responded to things like the world—until we realized this, and let God take control.

From our birth, we are heading toward the fire, and there is no way to change our direction by our own plan or power. There is no way of diverting our eventual plunge into unquenchable fire—if *God* had not intervened! We *must* exchange self and the devil, for God and His Son.

Jesus is to be our *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 if we do not hinder progress by thinking we *already* know.

We *must* meet every injustice in a scriptural way, because the world doesn't meet *anything* right and does *not* show *any* spiritual fruit! Meeting wrongs right is 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 things *according to His Word*, if we will allow Him to help us *through His Spirit*. We must be 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 Heaven *with* us—we just need to trust Him in faith through the 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 life 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 the Lord Jesus and meeting wrongs right—is forever linked to His eternal kingdom!



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