

GOD OUR TEACHER

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As we surrender our lives to God and accept Him as our Teacher, it is like being students in His school. To have Him, Who is so wise and loving to be our Teacher and to change us from one who is full of self and Satan, to one who is like Jesus Christ Himself, is more valuable than words could express.

Satan and the self-life are just opposite to God and the Christ-life. They do not care what they say or do, nor how much they hurt someone's feelings. But God wants us to be Christ-like in all our actions, our speech, and all our dealings with both God and man and will develop us into the very image of Christ, if we allow Him.

God, Who is infinite in wisdom, love, and power, is thoroughly experienced, and is perfect in His teaching, as Elihu told Job in Job 36:22, "*Behold, God exalteth by His power; who teacheth like Him*"? The answer would be, there is no one who can teach like Him.

Isaiah 54:13, "*And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children.*"

Of course, God does use men as teachers, but they are just used to point us to our Great Teacher. They are constantly in prayer with the Great Teacher to guide them in all matters, to make proper decisions

and appointments. God will work through them to inspire them for the work of the ministry.

Ephesians 4:11-13, "*And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.*"

We are not to allow all our teaching to come only from man, like the scribes and pharisees did and as well as most denominational churches of today. They will go to schools and have men to teach them the Bible, and God does not get a chance to teach them anything. They allow men to do their thinking and then man stands between them and God and His Holy Word, the Bible. That is why Jesus said, "Call no man your teacher."

Jesus said in Matthew 11:28-29, "*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, (He means to surrender our lives to Him, place our lives in His school, under His control, guidance, and teaching), and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*"

That is, we will become free from every oppression, free from all worry and anxiety. Then verse 30, "*For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*"

We are to have that relationship with God as He is the Workman and we are the material in His hands. 1 Corinthians 3:9, "*For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.*"

Many times, in our life, we may go to others about a problem with a situation that arises. God's Word says, come to Me, and I will give you rest. We go to our Great Teacher, just as a student will go their teacher when help is needed.

We need to be in close personal touch with God, who is our Teacher, go to Him first and foremost, not complaining and going to man first and then to God.

God is waiting patiently for us, as 2 Peter 3:9 tells us, "*The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*" The word longsuffering means patience, God is very patient with us, not willing that we should perish. God doesn't want anyone to perish, but that all may be saved. But, unfortunately, not everyone is willing to learn from God our Teacher.

We have a clear statement about God's teaching and training in the 16th chapter of John. Jesus said that one of the great objects of the Holy Spirit's coming was to lead and guide us into all Truth.

John 16:13, "*Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth.*"

As we continue in the center of God's will, and be filled with His Holy Spirit, He will continue to teach and train us until we understand every plan of God right. Our burdens and troubles of life will be lifted, and the blessings and happiness of God will take its place. We will be enjoying perfect victory and protection in every part of our life.

When we surrender our lives fully to God and become subject to Him, He becomes our teacher, and we are the students in His school. To have such a one, so strong, so wise, and loving as God is to develop our Christian characters is valuable beyond words.

The first thing we will learn in God's school, will be what Jesus Christ did for us on the Cross. We will realize that Jesus really did cancel every sin, He did bear every sorrow and disease, every ache and pain, and cancelled every power and influence of Satan. We will come to know that all that God has and all that He can do are freely given to us by God. It is all for our use as much as our own right hand.

We will also come to the place where we will trust God alone for everything we need and desire. That is one great blessing that makes the great work of Jesus Christ on the Cross such a blessing in our lives.

The average professing Christian has as much right to this great blessing that we have but will receive no

benefit from it whatsoever. Satan has them trusting in everything and everybody but God and that shuts out every possibility of ever seeing or enjoying, for time or eternity, any of the blessings of the Atonement of Christ.

Another valuable lesson we learn in God's school is to obey every Word of God in the New Testament. When we are willing to learn, God will teach us the necessity of obeying it, which is the only safe plan to follow.

Take for instance, God's plan for fellowship. God's Word says that we should have no close fellowship with an unbeliever, that is, anybody who is not in the full Truth. Some people do not really understand that when we begin to have close fellowship with someone outside of God's will, we are walking on the devil's territory, which is very dangerous ground. Satan is very subtle and will have us follow their way of thinking and turn us aside, without us even realizing what is happening, rather than them following God's plan for their lives.

The late Pastor said that any pleasure a young person finds in keeping company with anyone who is not in the Full Truth, will have a sting to it and will allow Satan to come in and make all kinds of trouble for them.

When anyone is willing to obey God's Word to trust Him fully on the fellowship question, and cannot find a suitable mate, God will send someone into the Truth who will suit them. We do not have to go outside of the Truth to marry anyone.

God says if we will separate ourselves from all unscriptural fellowship, He will be a Father to us and will place His character in us and we will be His sons and daughters.

2 Corinthians 6:14-18, *"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord (or what agreement) hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God*

with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

One of God's names is Jehovah-Elshaddai, the Lord God Almighty. Jehovah, the One who delivers His people out of all their troubles. Jehovah Elohim, the One who has power to create and recreate things.

Jehovah Elshaddai, the dynamic force that nothing on earth or in the pit can stand against for a second. That is the power that begins to work to deliver us when we place things into God's hands right.

When we are in God's school and have Him as our Teacher, He will use everything that crosses our path to teach and train us and develop our Christian character into the very image of Christ. One of the plans He uses is the mean things that are said and done to us. God's Word says that we are not to avenge ourselves, we are not to return evil for evil, but, instead, we are to return good for evil. That is a very valuable lesson to learn.

Jesus said in Matthew 5:43-45, *"Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for He maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."*

There are times when someone under the control of the devil, might say or do something very unpleasant to us, but if we do our part by meeting those wrongs right and refuse to resent it, God will do His part by giving His peace and His solution. How we meet wrong treatment in our life indicates what is in our heart.

Every day, as we are learning our lessons right, with God as our Teacher, we will return good for evil, blessing for cursing, and do good to those who hate us. We won't have that urge to settle things on our own because it won't be any trouble at all to meet things right. We may be tempted at times, but it is only a temptation. When we have the very nature of Christ fully developed in us, with God as our Teacher, we will find pleasure in meeting things as Christ met them. From that moment on, friends and foe will be at peace with us, and Satan and his agents cannot touch us.

Solomon said in Proverbs 16:7, "When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him."

The lessons we learn with God as our Teacher, are most valuable indeed. We will learn how to claim and receive all the spiritual strength that we need at the beginning of each new day. We will clothe ourselves with the whole armor of God, we will stand strong in the Lord, and we will meet all things according to God's will and Word, not turning back to any resentful attitudes that Satan would like to tempt us with.

Ephesians 6:10-11, *"Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. (Verse 16) take the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked."*

When we learn our lessons from God's school and allow Him to be our Teacher, to teach us the lessons we need to learn, it will bring us to the place of fullness of blessing in this life and a real preparation for Eternal Life.



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