

God's Plan of Meeting Things

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God has a plan that He has laid out for us to follow in meeting things and the natural man has his own plan of meeting things—but these two plans are completely opposite. God's plan is to bring us out of our own ways and plans and bring us into His plans of meeting things. This plan is of utmost importance, and we need to be on high alert when trials come upon us, because Satan will try to make it so easy for us to fail in following 'God's Plan of Meeting Things.'

All troubles and difficulties that come into our life, are all caused by following the natural man's ways of meeting things. But in complete contrast, all blessings in this life, all happiness we desire, and Eternal Life hereafter depends on our following 'God's Plan of Meeting Things.'

When we are following God's plan, we will hold steadfast, under all circumstances, to meet things right, no matter what comes across our path. Things will then work out well for us and lead us to greater blessing and greater happiness of every kind.

In Hebrews 12:11, we are told that *"no chastening"* (or no difficulty, or unpleasant circumstances that arise) *"for the present seemeth to be joyous, but*

grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." When we accept the training by our trials, although they may seem very trying when going through them, by meeting them right, we will enjoy the peaceable fruit of righteousness.

James tells us that our only hope of getting Eternal Life is to meet our various trials and difficulties, which confront us, scripturally. Since we are being trained by our trials, every circumstance of life must be proven in God's way and every difficulty has to be met in God's way. We will be tested and trained along every line, spiritually, physically, financially, in the workshop, in the home. We will be tested and trained in every part of our life, and the Holy Spirit will lead us until we are found in the very center of God's Will.

James 1:12 (KJV) *"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him."*

Blessed are they who are tested and trained in every part of their life and go through their trials successfully, for they shall receive the crown of life, or Eternal Life. That is the real thought, and it makes it very plain how important it is to follow 'God's Plan of Meeting Things'.

We have several examples in God's Word that tell us of the importance of following God's plan. One example would be that of Israel at Kadesh Barnea. God was ready to send them into the promised land, but all they could see was the giants, the high walls around the cities and only what they could see and not what they were told to do. Again, that great sin of 'sight and feeling'. As the result of them not meeting that trial right and not following 'God's Plan of Meeting Things', all over twenty years of age perished in their sins and were lost for time and eternity.

Another example would be that of King Saul. Time after time, God gave him a chance to meet things right; but when the pressure was on and he thought God was being slow, King Saul tried to make a way of escape for himself. He was not following 'God's Plan of Meeting Things.' As a result, he lost his life by suicide on Mount Gilboa, and Eternal Life as well.

King Saul was a man who was filled with the Holy Spirit at one time and even had the gift of prophecy, he was a man who was completely changed. You wouldn't naturally think that something like this could happen to such a one; but it all comes down to following 'God's Plan of Meeting Things'.

David was an example of one who learned how to meet things according to God's plan. He was tormented by Saul and his life was always in jeopardy until he made that final decision to follow 'God's Plan of Meeting Things'. When he did, he was restored to his original place and enjoyed God's fullness of blessing and never had any trouble along that line again, until he failed to meet a moral circumstance right.

Satan tempted him to commit a great sin against Uriah and trouble began. God says that those who commit such sins, sin directly against their own body. David was seriously afflicted in his body, his kingdom was taken from him, he became a fugitive, immorality came into his home among his children, one son killed another and then that son himself was killed.

When David fully repented and decided to meet things right and place himself back into God's hands, his kingdom was restored and everything else just fell into place. It was all in God's plan which remedied the whole situation.

Joseph was another one who was faced with many troubles. He had ten brethren who never spoke a peaceable word to him, then he was sold into slavery, placed in the home of a bad woman, severely tempted, and then turned into prison on a lie.

Joseph met these trials right, never defended himself from the woman, and never complained of the way his brothers talked about him and treated him in the home.

One trial Joseph had trouble meeting right, was his prison sentence. Here was the cause of his troubles, and it was necessary for him to continue to go through his trials until he came to the trial that he would have trouble meeting and be there until he could learn to follow 'God's Plan of Meeting Things' on every situation.

If we find ourselves going through a series of trials, we can be sure there is something we need to learn how to meet right. We must have another plan down in our heart, placed there by Satan, which needs to be exposed.

All trials that we meet up with, all things said or done to us, whether in the home or workplace, by those who ought to act just the opposite, are for one purpose only. They are allowed to happen to expose our own plans or ideas that we have been unwilling to meet right.

It is necessary to get rid of our own way, to die to our own plans and ways, get rid of them, and be just as dead to our plans and ways as one lying in a cemetery.

Jesus said in John 12:24-25, *“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.”*

Anyone who holds on to their own life and their own ways and plans, will lose his life here and hereafter; but the person who does not love his life, or as Jesus said, “Hates his life,” in this life will find Eternal Life, if they are willing to get rid of their ways and plans.

In Hebrews we have an admonition on steadfastness, found in the first two verses of the 12th chapter. *“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”*

The word ‘patience’ means ‘endurance’. We are to run with endurance, be determined, that we will go through, that nothing will turn us back. Be firm and settle it once and for all or Satan will succeed in turning us back where there will be nothing but sorrow, sin, and death, with eternal torment thereafter.

Philippians 2:5-11, *“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation,”* (He gave up all His great honor and power which He had and humbled Himself; He became a slave—a bond-slave) *“and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men.”*

We are to take this same attitude of a servant, like Jesus did, even if it costs us our lives; we are to meet it

right; that is what surrender means. We are to make our obedience even unto death, just as He did.

8-11 *“And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”*

Everyone will be compelled to confess that Jesus Christ is LORD OF ALL and that He is all that He professes to be. As for us, we need to be kept in a continual state of endurance and steadfastness, and then we will die daily to our plans and will always follow ‘God’s Plan of Meeting Things.’ God has a wonderful plan, and it is all laid out in the Bible.

‘God’s Plan of Meeting Things’ are directly opposite to human plans, and it is laid out for us in Romans 12:19, *“Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.”*

This verse applies to anyone who may have wronged us, those who have lied about us, grumbled, or complained about us, cheated or taken something that belongs to us. There is just one object in all of this. If they are met right, they will prove to be steppingstones in getting into the center of God’s Will; or if they are met in fallen man’s ways, they will be stumbling blocks.

We are not to try to change things at all, by any efforts of our own. No matter what may have been said or done to us or to anyone else; neither are we permitted to worry about it or lose sleep over it. We don’t have to lose one wink of sleep to please the devil; if we do, it shows we are worrying about it and not meeting things right.

Philippians 4:6-7, *“Be careful for nothing; (or do not worry about anything) but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, (not worry, not sleepless nights, not endless tears, but the very peace of God) which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”*

We need to open our hearts to God, without reserve. Tell Him all about our troubles, anything that

may have been said or done to us. He is patient and loving, waiting and longing for us to come before Him in all things; and the peace of God, which passes all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

When we meet things right, we will be made into the very image of God and shall be ‘children of the Highest’.

Luke 6:35, *“But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest.”*

We need to do our part and get out of God’s way, let Him do the work that He has promised to do for us. Romans 12:19, *“Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.”*

And then comes our part, Romans 12:20-21, *“Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.”*

The moment we resent an injury, or something said or done to us, we are being overcome with evil. As we follow ‘God’s Plan of Meeting Things,’ we will grow spiritually by leaps and bounds, our peace will flow like a river, and it will not matter what anyone may say or do to us. Our very acts of kindness in not retaliating will convict those who do mean things to us.

When we are following ‘God’s Plan of Meeting Things’ it reaches far into the Christian life, not just for us but for those around us. Our loved ones, our families, those in the workplace. God will make big changes for us as we place all things into His hands to do the work that He is waiting and longing to do for us.



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