

Receiving or rejecting Others

Matt 10:14--"And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words,
when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet.

[Is this passage true?]

41 "He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet
shall receive a prophet's reward.

[Prophet]

And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man
shall receive a righteous man's reward.

[Righteous man]

42 "And whoever gives one of these little ones
only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple,
assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward."

[A disciple]

The Opposite of Receiving Others:

1. **reject—to deny acceptance, care, or love to someone**
2. **shun—it keep away from**
3. **avoid—to evade, elude, dodge**
4. **snub—to treat with scorn, contempt, or to behave coldly toward**
5. **ignore—to deliberately disregard, to refuse to consider**
6. **sectarian—narrow-minded, limited, devoted to a characteristic of a sect.**
7. **rebuff—to refuse friendship or a relationship or even conversation**

Mark 9:37--"Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me;

and whoever receives Me,

receives not Me but Him who sent Me."

[Receiving the one sent, means you receive the sender]

38 Now John answered Him, saying,

"Teacher, we saw someone who does not follow us casting out demons in Your name,

and we forbade him because he does not follow us."

[Sectarianism—denominationalism]

39 But Jesus said, "Do not forbid him,

for no one who works a miracle in My name can soon afterward speak evil of Me.

40 "For he who is not against us is on our side. (NKJ)

[Is this really true?]

Luke 9:49--Now John answered and said,

"Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name,

[The issue was casting out demons]

and we forbade him because he does not follow with us."

[Sectarianism—denominationalism]

50 But Jesus said to him, "Do not forbid him,

for he who is not against us is on our side." (NKJ)

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"Outer Darkness" occurs three times in N. T. (only in the Gospel of Matthew)

Matt 8:10--When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed,

[Jewish multitude!]

"Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! *[Roman Centurion]*

11-12 "And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and

Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness.

There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." (NKJ)

Matt 22:11--"But when the king came in to see the guests,

[Man without a wedding garment!]

he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment.

12 "So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?'

And he was speechless.

13 "Then the king said to the servants,

'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness;

there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' (NKJ)

Matt 25:30--` And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness.

[The unprofitable servant!]

There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' (NKJ)

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1 Cor 4:7--For **who makes you differ from another?**

[Three Questions]

And **what do you have that you did not receive?**

Now if you did indeed receive it, **why do you boast as if you had not received it?** (NKJ)

2 Cor 10:12--For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves
with **those who commend themselves.**

[You are not the standard]

But they, **measuring themselves by themselves,**

[We are not the Divine Yardstick!]

and **comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.** (NKJ)

Luke 9:5--"**And whoever will not receive you,** when you go out of that city,
shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them." (NKJ)

[Luke 10:10-12]

Mark 6:11--"And **whoever will not receive you nor hear you,** when you depart from there,
shake off the dust under your feet as a testimony against them.

Assuredly, I say to you, **it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah**
in the day of judgment than for that city!" (NKJ)

Luke 9:53(NKJ)--But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem.

54 And when His disciples **James and John** saw this, they said, *[Disciples had this principle down pat!]*
"Lord, do You want us to **command fire to come down from heaven and consume them,**
just as Elijah did?"

55 But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "**You do not know what manner of spirit you are of.**"

***John 1:10**--He was in the world, **and the world was made through Him,**
and the world did not know Him.

11 He came to His own,
and **His own did not receive Him.**

12 **But as many as received Him,**
to them He gave the right to become children of God,
to those who believe in His name: (NKJ)

***John 3:11**--"Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen,
and you do not receive Our witness.

12 "If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe,
how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? (NKJ)

John 5:42--"But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you.

43 "I have come in My Father's name, **and you do not receive Me;**
if another comes in his own name, him you will receive. (NKJ)

John 12:48--"**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.** (NKJ)

***John 14:1**--"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

2 "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so,
I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again and receive you to Myself;**
that where I am, there you may be also. (NKJ)

***Eph 1:6**--To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us **accepted in the beloved.** (KJV)

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5487 charitoo—from charis, to receive grace, to be highly favored, to be accepted.

Appendix

Receiving Others

John 13:20

20 I tell you the truth, whoever accepts anyone I send accepts me; and whoever accepts me accepts the one who sent me."

(NIV)

Matt 10:40-42

40 "He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.

41 "He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

42 "And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward."

(NKJ)

Matt 25:40

40 "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

(NKJ)

Mark 9:37

37 "Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me."

(NKJ)

Luke 9:48

48 and said to them, "Whoever receives this little child in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. For he who is least among you all will be great."

(NKJ)

Luke 10:16

16 "He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me."

(NKJ)

John 12:44-48

44 Then Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me.

45 "And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me.

46 "I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.

47 "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.

48 "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.

(NKJ)

Gal 4:13-14

13 You know that because of physical infirmity I preached the gospel to you at the first.

14 And my trial which was in my flesh you did not despise or reject, but you received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus.

(NKJ)

Matt 10:14

14 "And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet.

(NKJ)

Rom 14:1-4

1 Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things.

2 For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables.

3 Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him.

4 Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

(NKJ)

Phil 2:25-30

25 Yet I considered it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier, but your messenger and the one who ministered to my need;

26 since he was longing for you all, and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick.

27 For indeed he was sick almost unto death; but God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

28 Therefore I sent him the more eagerly, that when you see him again you may rejoice, and I may be less sorrowful.

29 Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness, and hold such men in esteem;

30 because for the work of Christ he came close to death, not regarding his life, to supply what was lacking in your service toward me.

(NKJ)

John 13:34-35

34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

35 "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

(NKJ)

With all our faults and failures, needs and sins

Seeing the potential, that we have

Totally, freely, and quickly