

## THINGS MEET (OR SUITABLE) FOR EACH OTHER VARIOUS SCRIPTURE

### **Introduction:**

**2 Thessalonians 1:3.** The word "meet" in this text means "in harmony with or in keeping with other things."

Paul thanked God for the Thessalonians because it was in harmony with and suitable because of their growing faith and love toward each other.

**1 Corinthians 15:9,** Paul said, *For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle because I persecuted the church of God.*

In his humility, Paul thought it not meet, or in keeping with his former life, for him to be called an apostle.

I want us to look at the use of this term "meet" and see things that are "meet" or "suitable" for each other!

### **I. AN HELP MEET FOR HIM. (GENESIS 2:18-24).**

- A. Twice in this passage we read the expression:  
*"I will make **an help meet for him...**"* (vs. 18);

*"But for Adam there was not found **an help meet for him...**"*  
(vs. 20)

1. God created "an help meet," or one that was suitable for him because there was none suitable for him of all the other creatures God created! (Evolution is a lie!)
2. The woman God made was "meet" or "suitable" for him because she was "of his kind!"  
(Genesis 1:21, 24-25)
3. The woman God made was "meet" or "suitable" for him because she helped man fulfil God's purpose for them! (Another male could not have done this!)
4. The woman God made was suitable for man physically, mentally, and spiritually.

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- B. All still need companions meet, or suitable for each other same tastes, likes, beliefs, for their marriage to continue; at least to continue at its highest level! (Genesis 2:24)

### **II. FRUITS AND WORKS MEET FOR REPENTANCE. (MATTHEW 3:8)**

John the Baptist told the Pharisees and Sadducees that came to see him baptize to "Bring forth therefore fruits **meet** for repentance..."

Again, "meet" means "worthy, suitable, in harmony with repentance." Well, what is repentance?

"Repentance" is the change of mind toward God, sin, Christ. Changing from our ways and thoughts. **(Isaiah 55:6-8)**

John the Baptist said that the ax is laid at the root of every tree that is without the fruits **meet** for repentance. **(Matthew 3:9-10)**

*Acts 26:20—"That they {Damascus, Jerusalem, Judea, Gentiles} should repent, and turn to God. and do works **meet** for repentance."*

### **What Do The Scriptures Say Of Good Works And Those Who Are Saved?**

- A. **We Are Created Unto And Ordained To Good Works!**  
**(Ephesians 2:8-10)**
- B. **We Are To Be Careful To Maintain Good Works!**  
**(Titus 3:5-8)**
- C. **The Word Of God Is Able To Thoroughly Furnished (Equip) Unto All Good Works!** **(2 Timothy 3:16-17)**
- D. **We Are To Look For Opportunities, Especially With Regard To Fellow Believers!** **(Galatians 6:10)**

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- III. MEET FOR THE MASTER'S USE. (2 TIMOTHY 2:19-21)
- A. All kinds of vessels are used in a great house—some to honor, some to dishonor!  
(Exp: A garbage can versus cooking and table dishes.)
- B. It is better to be used as a vessel of honor (i.e. a vessel used for honorable purposes.)
- C. So, how does one become a vessel “meet”, or “suitable” for the masters use, as a vessel of honor?
1. He must first be changed by the Master into a vessel of mercy that is whole. (Romans 9:21-23)  
*Jeremiah 18:4—“And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.”*
  2. He must then purge himself from “these” unclean things:
    - a. A doctrinal cleansing is involved. (Vs 21)  
*“If a man purge himself from these, he shall be...” “These” refers to the false teachers and their teachings! (2 Timothy 2:15-18)*
    - b. A moral cleansing is involved. (Vs 19)  
*“...Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.”*  
  
**Exodus 30:17-21** – The physical cleansing of the priests who ministered before the LORD was indicative of the moral cleansing needed.  
*2 Corinthians 6:17—“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you”*

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We purge and cleanse ourselves by confession and departing from these things; God can use an uneducated, humble, ugly, weak, or poor vessel for his highest purposes; but not an unclean one!

*Romans 12:1-2—“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”*

*1 John 1:8-10—“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.”*

- D. This not only makes us meet for the master's use, but sanctified and prepared unto every good work. (Vs 21)
1. Sanctified = set apart, dedicated, holy
  2. Prepared = ready, fitted.

Are you a vessel of honor that is “meet” or “suitable” for the master’s use? Could you be used for whatever use the Master sees fit?

Every saint of God should continually purge themselves of those things that keep us from being “meet” or “suitable” for the master's use as a vessel of honor!

IV. THE WICKED: RECEIVING IN THEMSELVES THAT RECOMPENSE OF THEIR ERROR WHICH WAS MEET. (ROMANS 1:27)

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- A. Specifically, these wicked ones that are mentioned (i.e. homosexuals) are to receive the recompense “meet” or fitting for their error!**  
*Hebrews 2:2-3—“For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; 3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him”*
- Luke 23:41—“And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.”*
- B. But listen, so will everyone receive their just recompense, or pay, for their deeds.**  
*Romans 6:23—“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*
- Revelation 20:12-15
- C. We read earlier in Romans 9:22 about, “The vessels of wrath fitted for destruction.”**
- 1. They are only fitted for everlasting destruction!**  
**2 Thessalonians 1:7-9**
  - 2. Revelation 21:8 declares all those who are fitted for the lake of fire!**  
*Revelation 21:8—“But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”*

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- 3. Our sin nature we’ve been born with stems from unbelief and has only fitted us for destruction!**  
*John 8:24—“I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.”*

*John 3:18—“He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”*

Unbelievers are exactly meet, or fitted, for hell fire.

**Conclusion**

But furthermore we read about, *“The vessels of mercy which He hath prepared unto glory.” Romans 9:23*

“Prepared” means fully ready or made fit.

*John 1:12-13—“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*

*13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”*

Are you meet and fit for heaven, or for hell? You were born fit only for hell!  
To be fit for heaven, you must be born again!

Are you bringing forth fruit and works, meet for repentance? Now, you’re not saved by good works, but if you are saved, the good works should be there! (God has ordained it!)

What kind of vessel are you for the Master? Are you a vessel that is meet (or suitable) for whatever the Master's use is?