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# Foreword

**O**ne of the most discouraging and crippling forces against any human being is the power of rejection. It is the overwhelming sense that for some unknown reason, the vote has gone against you. You have been found unacceptable, either by another person, society in general, or life itself. You have been isolated, cut off, banned from normal life and interaction.

Is there a remedy for this miserable condition of rejection? Yes, there is—and it is wrapped up in the following

inspiration from Ephesians 1:6: “*To the praise of the glory of His [God’s] grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved*” (NKJV).

During the sixty years of his worldwide ministry, Derek Prince revealed to hundreds of thousands of people the antidote God’s Word provides for the debilitating effects of rejection. Now, in this revised and expanded edition of *God’s Remedy for Rejection*, Derek tells us once again what every person so desperately needs to know: You are not rejected. You are accepted by the Lord and all His family. There is a place of love and acceptance waiting for you—and you can experience God wrapping His arms around you and welcoming you into His presence and into the worldwide family of all those who love and serve Him.

You are “*accepted in the Beloved*”! May the truth of that statement become a reality for you.

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# CHAPTER 1

## The Nature of Rejection

**I**n this book, I deal with the remedy to what is, in my opinion, one of the deepest and most common wounds the human heart ever has to endure: the wound of rejection.

What do I mean by rejection? Sometimes the best way to explain the meaning of a word is to consider its opposite. One obvious, specific opposite of *rejection* is *acceptance*. We can thus define rejection as experiencing the opposite of acceptance. To be accepted is to be approved of or admitted to fellowship by others.

Rejection can then be classified as a profound sense of being *unwanted*.

Most of us have experienced rejection at one time or another, but few people really understand its nature or its effects upon our human spirit. The rejection we suffered might have been a relatively minor matter. Or, it might have been completely devastating to us. We desire for people to love us, yet we sense they do not. We want to be part of a group, yet we feel excluded. Somehow, we feel we are always on the outside looking in.

## **FORMS OF REJECTION**

Rejection comes in many forms. Perhaps you can relate to one of the following: You weren't chosen to play on a school sports team. Your first date failed to show up and never gave you any reason why. You weren't accepted at the college or job of your choice. You were laid off from a position without a valid explanation.

Other experiences of rejection can stem from one's physical appearance. This can lead to self-rejection as well. Most young people today feel they have to look a certain way to be popular. For young men, the standard is often being tall and athletic. A boy who is shorter or less athletic than his peers may feel insignificant around them. His sense of inadequacy can then lead to self-rejection.

The number of people who reject themselves over their physical appearance is monumental.

Far worse than these examples are the wounds of rejection from a family member. A child might develop demoralizing feelings of rejection because they never felt love from a parent—sensing their father or mother didn't really want them. A spouse might develop a deep feeling of rejection by a husband or wife when their marriage ends in divorce.

Experiences such as these can leave permanent wounds in our hearts, whether we are aware of them or not. But I have good news for you! God can heal you of the wounds that come from rejection. He can help you to accept yourself and even enable you to show His love to others. The first step to the help God offers is to recognize the nature of your problem and to understand the depths of this issue of rejection in your life.

### **THE WOUNDED HUMAN SPIRIT**

Closely related to rejection are the wounds that come from betrayal and shame. These produce similar responses in the wounded person—the feeling of not being wanted or accepted.

Sometimes rejection is so painful that our mind refuses to focus on it. Nevertheless, somewhere deep

inside, we know that rejection is there—deeper than the mind, deeper than reason, deeper than even memory. That is because it is in the spirit. In 1 Corinthians, Paul says, “*For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him?*” (1 Corinthians 2:11 NKJV). You might not be aware of an issue you are dealing with because your mind does not know everything going on within you—but your spirit does.

The book of Proverbs reveals the devastating impact of a wounded spirit:

*A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache  
crushes the spirit.* (Proverbs 15:13)

*A man's spirit sustains him in sickness, but a crushed  
spirit who can bear?* (Proverbs 18:14)

A vibrant spirit helps a person through great difficulties, such as financial need, grief, persecution, and physical illness. But when a person's spirit is crushed, it can have a crippling effect upon all areas of their life.

## **A GREAT OUTPOURING OF HEALING**

We are witnessing a progressive breakdown of interpersonal relationships in our society. It is quite possible that you have been caught in the crossfire of this breakdown, and the result has been a wound (or wounds) of

rejection. The Lord knows all about this, so please do not give up hope. God is seeking to heal your wound.

My personal belief is that a great outpouring of healing is coming for all those who turn to Jesus Christ for wholeness. Our Messiah has promised healing for the brokenhearted and freedom for those who are bruised. (See Luke 4:18 KJV.) There will certainly be physical healings. But equally important, there will also be many healings for people with wounded spirits.

I believe the devil has some foreknowledge of Jesus's intention to bring healing to many. Because the enemy knows that the Lord wants to use you in this outpouring of healing, he has tried to strike the first blow, using rejection as his weapon to wound you. In a way, it is a kind of twisted compliment. It means that Satan is afraid of what you can become in Christ. So do not allow yourself to become discouraged. In my experience, the people who feel the least likely to be used by God often end up having the greatest impact. Luke 18:14 confirms this observation: *"He who humbles himself will be exalted."*

### **COMPASSION FOR THE WOUNDED**

If you struggle with feelings of rejection, there is a verse in Matthew that describes how Jesus feels toward you:

*When He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them....* (Matthew 9:36 NKJV)

The Greek word translated as “*compassion*” here is amazingly powerful. It implies a forceful, physical reaction in a person’s body in the abdominal area. It is such a strong reaction that it will inevitably evoke a response. A person who is “moved with compassion” about a situation cannot stand by and observe. He must do something about it.

Why was Jesus so moved?

*...because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.* (Matthew 9:36 NKJV)

That may be exactly how you feel: weary, harried, frustrated, perplexed, fearful, anxious, burdened. Please know that Jesus sees you, just as He saw those multitudes—and He has tremendous compassion for you. Deep in my spirit, I know that Jesus really wants to help. He is not just standing on the sidelines as a detached observer. He longs to come to you and heal you where you hurt the most.

Even though you may just now be discovering a deep wound or wounds in your spirit, why not start the process of recovery the right way? Would you like to ask Jesus to heal you now? Even here at the beginning of this book,

let's ask Jesus to give us the help we so desperately need by praying the following prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I want to begin by admitting that I have wounds of rejection buried deep in my spirit. I bring them now into the light of Your presence, asking You to pour out Your healing power upon me.

In place of the rejection I have experienced in life, I receive Your healing, Your compassion, and Your acceptance. I know You want to help me and heal me now, and I open my heart to receive the acceptance that is mine. In Your name, Jesus. Amen.