



Resist the Devil

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (James 4:7)

Boy, do we need to pay attention to this. How many of you have satan on your backs? Do you have financial problems? Do you have health problems? Do you have mental problems? Do you have <fill in the blank> problems? If you do, then you need to learn to resist the devil so that he will flee from you!

Even though the above verse states the need to resist, it also states the need to “submit” to God. This is integral to the equation of freedom, getting the devil to flee. If you don’t do both, you are not



guaranteed success in getting satan to flee. What does it mean to submit to God?

In the most general sense, “submit” means, “to obey.” There is a much deeper meaning as well, meaning, “to place you under His rule.” To know if you are doing this, you have to step back and take a really good look at your life. Try to answer a few question like, “where do I stand spiritually?”

“Am I a spiritually strong person, or am I caught in the middle,

really not doing much for God?” “Do I go to God

for all my needs, or do I only pray in crisis situations?” I’m sure you can ask yourself questions that will help you understand just where you are spiritually right now. Now, go ahead and answer them. Where did you end up? Are you doing okay in your relationship with God, or are you out of touch with Him and the things of His Word?

If you need to fix your relationship with God,

do it now. Start right now by spending more time with Him in prayer, and by spending time reading God’s Word, especially the New Testament, which is written directly to you (Acts through Thessalonians).

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If you learn to submit to God, the devil and his hosts MUST submit to you, just like they did for the seventy Jesus sent out.

And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. (Luke 10:17-19)

I've got to add something here that you may not be aware of. The devils are ALWAYS subject to the name of Jesus Christ! That's a fact. But, most Christians aren't aware of this absolute wonder. Using the name of Jesus Christ activates the sword of the spirit. It pierces the vail of satan and causes him to flee. If the seventy had to use the name

of Jesus Christ 2000 years ago, it stands to reason that you have to use the name of Jesus Christ now! And, I don't mean praying in the name of Jesus Christ. I don't mean thinking about it either. *I mean, you must state your cause verbally, out loud, without fear.* That's what the seventy did. That's what you're supposed to do. These seventy had submitted to God by obeying Jesus Christ and doing exactly what he taught them to do. What about you?

For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. (Romans 10:3)

Submitting to God requires that you submit to His Righteousness. Not yours. Any acts that you undergo to make you feel "right"

before God won't make you righteous. You must submit to God's righteousness if you are going to become a spiritual person and cause the devil to flee. In other words, take your own acts of righteousness and throw them in the trash. Accept the fact that you are righteous because of what God through Jesus Christ did for you. That's part of submitting to God. The devil isn't righteous, and he can't stand God's righteousness. On the other hand, he can stand your own form of it. That's why he can mess around with you and hurt you. But he can't mess around with God's righteousness. Submit to God's and you'll be just fine, and the devil will always want to flee from it and you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because

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your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. (1 Peter 5:6-9)

“Submitting” and “humbling” yourself to God sure sounds similar, don’t they? They are parallel, but not the same thing. Yet, in both cases, you are putting yourself under God. Both are integral to your spiritual success in getting the devil off your back. Oh, the devil is real. Satan is real. The spiritual darkness in this world is real, but the last thing you should want is any of it in your life. *If and when that roaring lion comes around you, you must first recognize that it is what it is, and second, do something about it.*

God does not want you to be enslaved with anything evil or harmful – at all! If you are, the devil put something on you and you need to remove it. You don’t even need someone else to do this, especially if you are reading this right now, on your own, and can understand it. *You can remove satan from your life right now.* You have to resist him with your words, believing and power. And you do this by telling him to leave in the name of Jesus Christ. When you do this, you will notice immediate freedom. Something will change right away, and then things will continue to get better, minute by minute, hour by hour, day by day, after that. But you must start the action, which continues the reactions until you are fine again. If it comes back, you do it over again.

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“Resist” means, “to stand against.” In other words, don’t stand “for” him in anything. If this means to get rid of certain habits in your life, get rid of them. If it means to stop doing certain things, then stop doing them. Most of the pressure you’ll feel from satan will find its way into your life through drugs, sex or money. He also causes sickness. Avoid the main avenues of his trafficking and you’ll be well on your way to deliverance. On the other hand, if you don’t get off his highways of pain and torment, you’ll keep experiencing your problems. Stand against what he throws your way by NOT paying any attention to those things. Pay attention to God and His Word. That’s how you stay safe in this crazy situation.

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners;

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and purify your hearts, ye double minded. (James 4:8)

Don't expect God to do anything for you if you won't do anything for Him. Get serious about cleaning up the issues of your body and mind, and He will manifest his healing presence to you. You just can't keep one foot in the Word and one in the world and expect God's more than abundance to abound in you.

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. (James 4:10)

I'm telling you that deliverance is available, but I'm also telling you that you need to start the ball rolling. You have to speak words of deliverance. *You just can't sit complacently and expect something good to happen to you.* That's a life of fairy tales and unbelief. You must start using the name of

Jesus Christ (not just Jesus), and then you'll see things happen.

Peter used the name of Jesus Christ:

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (Acts 2:38)

Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. (Acts 3:6)

Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. (Acts 4:10)

Philip used the name of Jesus Christ:

But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. (Acts 8:12)

Paul used the name of Jesus Christ:

And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour. (Acts 16:18)

In fact, most of the Christians in the first century church used the name of Jesus Christ:

Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every

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place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours: (1 Corinthians 1:2)

What about you? Do you use the name of Jesus Christ, with all of its power, to resist the devil? If you don't, you must start now. Far too many Christians forsake this great wonder of the ages. They practically lay themselves at satan's feet, allowing him to maim them, hurt them, steal from them, and inflict pain on them. ***Folks, enough is enough. Don't be afraid. Be bold as a lion, and use the name of Jesus Christ. It works.*** It was designed to work and it will always work. But nothing will happen if you don't start using it. Are you tired of the fight? Put some spiritual vigor into your life by using the name above all names. Are you in the fight, but not seeing the success you'd like to see? Then stand up against the

foe and speak forth the name that captures captivity. Are you sick? Then command that sickness off of your body by employing the name that sends the spirits flying. Is your mind sick with devilish thoughts? Then inject fresh freedom by demanding that the sick thoughts, mental prisons at best, depart. Use the name of Jesus Christ and stop being a spiritual wimp. Be strong. State the impossible at your command, and see the fountain of freedom spring forth. See the waves of deliverance wash over your body, soul and spirit like never before. Never again settle for pain and defeat. Claim your spiritual heritage by walking tall among the greatest wonders of all time – Christians, all free and clear of satan and his bondages! Use the name of Jesus Christ now and forevermore.

Much love in Christ,

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