

RESISTING THE DEVIL

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**“Submit yourselves, then, to God.
Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”
Ω James 4:7 NIV**

This week’s teaching will be very valuable to you because we have never lived in a time where the devil had more power than he does today. The Lord told me in 1980: “Son, in the last days the power of the devil will become so strong that only those Christians who are strong in the Word and faith will survive.”

Now this may sound strange to you. After all, one of the things that so many pastors and ministers do is *minimize* Satan’s power because, frankly, they are ignorant about it. They have never seen his power up close and personal. Have you ever met the devil? I’ve had six visitations from Satan with the first one being in 1985 when I was taken into his office and the last one being in 2008. One of my favorite preachers, Dr. Adrian Rogers of Memphis, said one time: “IF you’ve never met the devil, the only reason is because you are going the same direction as he is.”

The Lord Jesus, Peter, Judas and many others from the Scriptures had encounters with Satan. For Jesus it meant victory whereas for Judas it meant both physical and eternal death.

Now, first of all in this teaching I'm going to tell you exactly *why* the devil's power is growing stronger by the day and if you live in America you certainly see the signs all around you not just in the increase of sin and false religion but also in the loss of the freedoms we are guaranteed in the Constitution—our government and both parties don't care about the Constitution; they want to make way for Satan's One-world government and the only way to do that is to destroy the Constitution. This nation has come a long way (downhill) from what the Founding Fathers desired. If you study the history of this nation you will learn that in the original colonies it was the Church that taught the children in school—pastors were the teachers. But the Church decided to turn that over to the government and now our children are suffering and being sacrificed to the Dark Kingdom. Originally, to hold office or be considered for the courts a person had to be a Christian and hold to the teachings of the Bible. Now, for the first time, the Democratic Party took God completely out of their platform and only reinstated Him due to political pressure, i.e., “we better not do this just because we will lose some votes.”

Second, I'm going to tell you what to do personally about the devil's power, especially in your own family life because if you continue to follow Christ Jesus you will be required to endure more persecution, perhaps even to martyrdom. Satan has no mercy—this is a difficult concept for most Christians to understand but it is true. Remember what the Bible teaches regarding the *Times of the Gentiles* I wrote about last week—during these times when Daniel was taken captive *all the people* were required to worship an image—under penalty of death if they refused (Daniel 3:1-6). Interestingly, also at the conclusion of the *Times of the Gentiles* (Rev. 13:14-15) a similar fate awaits the inhabitants of the earth as they will be required to worship an image or face death. If you're here, what will you do?

Now the answer to the first question: why does Satan have more power than ever before the answer is simple, although in the end it is the Church's fault because we have had the authority to stop it. Satan has more power for a number of reasons and I'll list a few:

- 1. He controls more people than ever before, either directly through possession or extreme oppression, or indirectly where he can control most churches and/or Christians who pose a threat to him. This is a real problem in America that we see manifested in our society and is proof of the most shocking thing the Lord ever said to me exactly 20 years ago this month: “There are more people in America today in need of deliverance than there are in need of healing.”**
- 2. If you read MSDK then you may remember the vision the Lord gave me in October, 1990, which I title: *The Vision of the Battlefield*. The Army of the Lord was lying decimated on the field of battle. I submit that this is still true today because most of the church is not engaged in the battle—they are busy worshipping Baal—the god of the harvest seeking wealth and “prosperity” which they don’t really even know the definition of. Frankly, and it’s a sad fact, I don’t know one single church in America today that is heavily engaged in spiritual warfare. There may be some but I don’t know about them. One way you can tell brings me back to a revelation I received from the Lord last summer on our way to minister in Alabama and I shared it on Christian television. “With all the churches in _____ (and you can fill in the blank with the name of your city), how come the devil is still in control?” This is especially true of cities like Colorado Springs and Tulsa where there are so many churches and ministries but yet these are some of the most demonized cities in America. I am so amazed that Colorado Springs has more violence (a shooting or stabbing or abduction every day) and child abuse than cities ten times its size—a clear sign that the churches in that city are impotent and lacking power.**
- 3. What we, the Church—the genuine Church and not the harlot church, *allow physically* affects the spiritual atmosphere. If you’re sensitive spiritually and have The Eye of the Eagle then you know how true this is; it’s even true for nations. When you cross the border into Canada, for example, there is a completely different spiritual atmosphere. Because the Church has allowed the devil to gain ground through abortion, drugs, child abuse, the erection of mosques and Hindu temples, and many other physical things the devil has gained strength. This is a spiritual principle**

that few ministers understand or have preached about (for scriptural evidence see 2 Kings 3:26-27). The French have a phrase that applies: *qui s'excuse s'accuse*. It means: he who excuses himself accuses himself. We, the Church, may try to excuse ourselves with all types of excuses but the Lord will hold us responsible because *we allow* the abortion clinics, mosques, etc., to exist in our communities. Do you want to do something about abortion in your county? Organize a prayer group that will aggressively pray against these things and they will cease to exist. I've written about this many times before but, unfortunately, few Christians or churches decide to shoulder their responsibility, preferring to follow the "big name" ministries on the Balaam networks and seek "the blessing" or the harvest not knowing that they are worshiping Baal. Look, if your church is truly ordained of God then why does it exist in your community—what is your mission statement? What is it doing to win the battle for the Kingdom of God?

Remember, Jesus Himself acknowledged that Satan was "the god of this world"; what did He mean by that? And as I've preached and written many times before you must remember an important fact: the world that exists today is not the same one God created—it's been *rearranged* by Satan according to his desires, e.g., demons have been in control of your city for centuries and they will stay in control until you rise up and throw them out! As I've preached in churches and cities for years: "Does God want revival here? Yes! Does He want the killing centers closed? Yes! Does He want drug dealers removed? Yes! Does He want the sick healed? The lame to walk? The blind to see and the deaf to hear? Does He want those troubled by witches and demons delivered? Yes! Yes! Yes! But He needs His Church to engage the enemy where they are and bring these things to pass!

Remember what we're talking about—resisting the devil. What does the word resist mean? Does it mean to sit idly by while people in your community die and go to hell? Does it mean that you just sit there in the pew of your church while drug dealers rule the city? Hardly! But because churches don't understand and aren't involved in spiritual

warfare the situation continues to worsen instead of getting better. God is tired of it so He needs you—because you have knowledge—to do something about it. We resist the devil by faith through our weapons of war, especially the Sword of the Spirit, and we aggressively attack his strongholds in our family, church, community, county, state and country.

Don't forget the result of this Word of God: "Resist the devil *and* what? "He will flee from you." That don't mean maybe! He will flee from you! So I'm challenging you this day to make a difference in your community and by beginning spiritual warfare in your area. Start with the killing centers and porno establishments—pray them out! Remind the Lord each day as you pray, "Lord, I believe the Word! I am going to resist the devil and your Word says that he "will flee from me" so I expect to see this happen and I'm going to continue in prayer until I see these expected results and I thank you in Jesus' might Name!