

## YEILD OR RESIST

### God Needs Place

- I. 2 Chronicles 16:9-God is looking for place – He’s looking for something, He’s looking to do something
  - A. God is scanning the Earth, looking, seeking (It’s similar to that the enemy is doing 1 Peter 5:8)
    1. Eye-Eye of continuance; To and Fro-Back and forth movement; *GW-Eyes scan the whole world; IC-The Lord searches*
    2. Is this true? Is God really doing this? Is He really scanning the earth?
  - B. He’s looking to help (Strong-Display strength, support, sustain, the strength of something that supports)
    1. *TL-For the eyes of the Lord search back and forth across the whole earth, looking for people whose hearts are perfect toward him, so that he can show his great power in helping them; AM-That he may support those whose heart is completely His*
    2. The way it’s nature of the enemy to steal, kill and destroy it’s God’s nature to help and He’s looking to help
  - C. He’s looking for someone who will yield to Him and give Him place
    1. How is the perfect (complete, full) heart demonstrated? -The more of you He has, the more you yield to Him
      - a. *ER-Who are faithful to him; CEV-Faithfully obey Him; CS-Wholeheartedly devoted to him; ICB-Hearts are committed to him*
    2. 7-8-He corrects them for not relying on the Lord (trusting, leaning on), not yielding – He’s looking for yielding
  - D. Why is He searching? He’s God and if He wants to show Himself strong in someone’s behalf doesn’t He just do it?
- II. The enemy has used this phrase *God is in control* to confuse people about how God operates
  - A. *God is in control, He’s going to do what He wants b/c He’s God; Is that true? Where are the scriptures that say He operates like that? Is it true that God barges into people’s lives unwelcomed and does what He wants?*
    1. Is God controlling the devil what the devil does in your life? Is God controlling people? Is God controlling you?
    2. God told you to be aware and on the watch because you’re the one who’s going to do something about him
    3. Many like to pretend that God is in control of everything and that He’s controlling what the devil does/doesn’t do in our lives – Pretending like you don’t have the responsibility doesn’t relinquish you from it
  - B. *Most of the church believes God is controlling everything in the Earth, but the reality is He’s left a lot up to us*
    1. According to scriptures it looks like you’re in control of who you yield to, who you give place to-Dt30:19,Rm6,Js4:7
    2. The way that God does get place in your life/control is by you yielding to Him; The reality is those who yield to Him He has place in their lives to help and those who don’t He doesn’t
  - C. *If God wanted to control you and be in control of you He would have set that system up in such a manner*
    1. The only reason He doesn’t have control over you is because He didn’t want it-Gen1:28
    2. He doesn’t want to control you – He wants you to yield to Him
- III. Does God really need place? Or is He just doing whatever He wants under the “I’m God” badge?
  - A. *Many have developed their own concept of how they think God operates on half a verse or ignore scripture entirely*
    1. Don’t lean to your own understanding/what you think let the scriptures be your answer
  - B. *Mark 6:5-God wasn’t unable to do it for lack of ability, but for lack of place and so He was unable to do it there*
    1. It is Biblical fact that God wanted to heal people there just like He was everywhere; Lk4:16,Ac10:38-What did God send him to do? Jn5:19-Did God send Him there? He’s there to teach/preach/heal-Lk9:6,Mt9:35
    2. Why no healings? Did his will change? People like to pretend His will changed and somehow He didn’t want to do it here because if he wanted to do it then He would have done it because He’s God
    3. The phrasing used here by the Holy Ghost is telling and powerful (Could-To able or have power by permission)
      - a. People want to make this an issue of sovereignty, power – It’s an issue of place
      - b. The reason He can’t do what He wants to is because it’s not His choice who you give place to and if you don’t want to yield to Him He’s not going to force himself on you
  - C. *Matt23:37-They would not yield to Him and give Him place and so He could not help*

1. Here's what He wanted to do: Care for them, sustain them, protect them (Would-Will, have in mind, intend, desire)
2. *ERV-You kill the prophets. You stone to death those that God has sent to you. Many times I wanted to help your people. I wanted to gather them together has a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. But you did not let me; CEV-You wouldn't let me*

D. **Isaiah 30:15-The way to get the help was to yield, but they said no and so God has no place and He has to wait for place**

1. Does God want to be gracious to them? If you don't think so, you don't know Him – Why doesn't He just do it?

E. **Ps78:41, Ex33:1-3-An unwillingness to yield limits what God can do in your life b/c by not yielding you give Him no place**

1. God wanted to drive the giants out and give it to them, but by not yielding they gave Him no place

F. **This idea of God needing place isn't real to most people**

1. "If God wanted to do it, then why didn't He just do it anyway?" – He had no place; To so many this is not real – I Couldn't He have just done it anyway? No, because according to Him He needs place
2. Is God just doing whatever He wants in people's lives? According to these scriptures He is not
  - a. Eph3:20-People like to think that God works independent of us, but the reality is in works in accordance with us
  - b. 2 Peter 3:9-God doesn't want any to perish, but they are b/c the way to not perish is to give God place/repent
3. Could God want to do something for you and not have place to do it? Can a person leave God on the outside looking in? Does God need place/room to move and work?