

YEILD OR RESIST

Yield Yourselves

- I. James 4:7-You submit yourself, you yield yourself; God does not make you submit or make you yield-1Pt5:6
 - A. Romans 6:13-16-God told you who to yield to, but He doesn't make you yield
 1. *Don't yield your members; Yield yourselves unto God; To whom you yield yourselves*
 - B. God gave you the authority to choose who you would yield to and in turn who you would give place to
 1. B/c He's not controlling who yields to Him. He's not controlling whose life He has place and He's not determining who gets the help – He decided that those who yield would get the help. but He doesn't decide who actually yields
 - a. He won't make anybody yield to Him and give him place
 2. He does not make anyone yield to Him or resist the devil and so He's not deciding who has place in anyone's life
 3. *Say: I have the God-given authority to yield to whomever I choose and therefore I have the authority to give place to whomever I will and to give no place to whomever I will*
- II. God will not force Himself on a person who will not yield to Him – He will not take place if place is not given to Him
 - A. Rev3:20-God does not operate independent of a person's willingness to yield to Him–Don't open and He won't come in
 1. Does God just come in uninvited and take place He desires? If He did He wouldn't be knocking
 2. Why is He knocking? He's knocking because he desires place, He wants to come in
 - a. If He's God and He wants to come in wouldn't He just come in? According to this verse no
 - b. Couldn't God just beat the door down and barge in? He doesn't operate like that (Barge in with *I'm God* badge)
 3. The man has the authority of opening the door or keeping it closed?
 - a. God doesn't make anyone open the door; If you don't open He won't come in anyway – He won't stop knocking
 - b. If you will open the door, He will come in; If you will He will – If you won't, He won't (If-Conditional particle)
 - c. Did you notice you have to open the door? He's not opening it – He wants you to want Him enough to yield
 - 1) Saying you want Him to come in isn't opening the door
 4. Sup is referring to a covenant meal – You giving your life to Him and Him taking care of you and your every need
 - B. Nobody ever has to yield to God – Nobody ever has to give God place
 1. Can a person resist God no matter what God does?
 - a. Rev16:7-11-Judgment is coming all over them and they still won't yield; *11-ER-Refused to change their hearts and turn away from the evil things they did*
 - b. Can't God do something to make them yield to Him? No: That doesn't degrade God's greatness (He set the system up like this); It highlights His willingness to give man authority/choice & let him go as far w/ it as He wants
 2. Is God's love resistible? (Mk10:21-22-Jesus looking at Him loved and he went away – He resisted the love of God)
 - a. *Is26:10-CEV-Even when the wicked are treated with mercy they do wrong; ER-Evil people will not learn to do good, even if you show them only kindness; NRV-Sometimes grace is shown to sinful people. But they still don't learn what is right*
 3. 1 Peter 5:3-Don't try to control people or force people to do things – Why? Because God doesn't do that
 - a. Have a standard and accountability that if not upheld disqualifies from handling certain things, but never control
 - C. Psalm 81:8-15-Anybody who wants to resist Him and go a different way He'll let them do it
 1. 8-The yielding and giving place principle is seen here: Listen and I'll talk, if you won't give me place I won't speak
 2. 10-God's says if you'll yield to me I'll take care of your every need
 - a. *10-CEV-Just ask and I will give you whatever you need; TL-Only test me! Open your mouth wide and see if I won't fill it. You will receive every blessing you can use! TP-Open your mouth with a mighty decree; I will fulfill it now, you'll see! The words that you speak, so shall it be!* – These kind of results are connected to the yielded life

- b. Many are great at the opening the mouth wide part, but not so great at the yielding part
- 3. 11-They would not yield to God-*TP-Yield; ESV-Submit; GW-Wanted nothing to do with me; TL-Doesn't want me around*
 - a. You can say you want God around, but if you won't yield to Him you're saying to be opposite
- 4. 12-They wanted to resist, not yield so God let them-*ER-I let them go their own stubborn way and do whatever they wanted*
 - a. God did not respond to their resistance by trying to force Himself in anyway – He let them resist Him
 - b. God will let people do what He doesn't want them to do, what He knows is not good for them

III. Yielding to God gives God place and allows Him to keep/help/care for you; These are the results of the yielding

A. The way to experience the full measure of His help, is to live fully yielded to Him

- 1. Psalm 23-The Lord is my shepherd, the one I follow, the one I yield to-John 10:4 – The yielding gave God place
- 2. Psalm 91:1-It's the sticking close, the yielding that gives God place to do the rest
- 3. People are trying to get these results who aren't even yielding to the Lord – Before the results there is yielding
 - a. Many want God to do something for them while they resist Him
 - b. If you're resistant to Him, it affects the place He has and the grace you get (Js4:6)

B. The question is not “Why isn't God helping me,” but rather “Why can't He help me the way I know He wants to”

- 1. People are quick to blame God and in their haste accuse and ask the wrong question; *Why'd you let this happen?* The right question is *Why couldn't He stop it b/c I know He wanted to?*
- 2. Begging in prayer is not yielding, wanting God to do something is not yielding, being saved doesn't equal yielding

IV. How much is God really controlling?

A. God set the system up, established spiritual law, decided how things would work, but then He leaves the rest up to us

- 1. He did this b/c He is supreme in power, superior to all others, possesses the highest power and supreme dominion

B. You have a serious level of authority in that you get to decide who you yield to and who has place in your life

- 1. God knew the ramifications long before he did it and He did it anyway and He knew what He wanted to do and He's perfect He doesn't need to go back and change it

C. What God is able to do in your life is directly connected to your willingness to yield to Him

- 1. What the enemy is able to do in your life is directly connected to your willingness to yield to Him
- 2. People try to make God responsible what He made you responsible for

D. We're talking about how God actually operates and functions

- 1. Most people don't like that God is like this – They want God to come in anytime and do whatever He wants