

YEILD OR RESIST

You Resist The Devil

- I. Js4:7-The devil will only flee from you, when YOU resist him
 - A. Js4:7-The understood subject is YOU; YOU resist the devil; God's not going to resist the devil for you
 1. 1Pt5:8-9-He told you to be aware and on the watch because you're are doing to resist Him
 - B. God told you to do this and so you're can't pray to Him and get Him to do it for you
 1. This verse didn't say to pray and ask God to do something about the devil
 2. *SAY: God is not going to resist the devil for me*
 - C. You don't pray the devil away, you resist Him away
 1. Many try to pray the pressure off and pray the devil away People like to pray instead of resist b/c that requires they do nothing and God does everything.
- II. Matt4:4-11-The devil fled from Him so whatever see Jesus do in these verses we know is Jesus resisting
 - A. 3-He's being tempted/attacked by the devil – What does Jesus need to do? He needs to resist
 1. We need to pay close attention here and not try to reinvent the wheel – Whatever worked for Jesus will work for us
 - B. 4,7,10-Jesus responded not by addressing God in prayer, but by addressing the the enemy in faith
 1. When under attack, when under pressure whom did Jesus address? Whom should you address?
 2. So many under pressure, under attack are only addressing God in prayer and NEVER address the enemy
 3. It did not say, "So Jesus prayed to the Father and cried out for help."
 - C. What did resistance look like with Jesus? Faith in the Word Of God and the Word of God coming out his mouth
 1. 1Pt5:9-Resist him steadfast in faith – Faith is believing, acting, speaking like the Word is true no matter what I see/feel – This is resisting him
 2. Faith and resisting – To agree with God puts me in a position of resistance to him
 - a. In opening His mouth and speaking the Word he was agreeing with God and resisting the devil
- III. 2Cor12:7-When the enemy attacks whom should you address?
 - A. God did not send Satan to help Paul keep from getting in pride
 1. Js1:8-Revelation of God, revelation His Word is going to lift you up every area of your life
 2. 1Pt5:6-God is not only not against you being exalted, you is the one who will exalt you
 3. Mk4:14-Satan comes immediately to steal the Word so that it doesn't exalt you
 - B. 7-2Cor11:28-The thorn in the flesh was the care of the churches
 1. Mark 4:19-Cares entering in choke the word, choke the abundance of revelations
 - C. It was a messenger of Satan to buffet (strike, punch, punish) – What are you supposed to do with the enemy? Resist Him
 1. 1Pt5:9-Resist him steadfast in faith; Js4:7-Resist him; Eph4:27-Give him no place; Mt4:4-Jesus resisted Him
 2. Luke10:19-We've been given authority by Jesus over the enemy
 - D. 8-He asked God to do something about the devil – Is that what he's supposed to do? Is that resisting the devil?
 1. The enemy is attacking him so why is he addressing the Lord? Is this what Jesus did?
 2. Did this get rid of the devil? No; Do you get the devil to flee from you by asking God to do something?
 - E. 9-God said to Him – This is not an encouragement to just hold on tight in your suffering, this is a correction
 1. If he had done the right thing God would have just gotten rid of the devil for Him and not said anything
 2. 9-10-Why would the power of Christ even need to rest upon HIM? Why would HE need to be strong? Because HE is going to do the resisting; If God was going to do everything, then he could just be weak
 - F. 9-10-These are statements of faith, this is agreeing with God, this is resisting the devil

IV. Resisting the devil is a concept most believers know nothing about; Their first move under pressure is to pray and ask God to do something and the reason is because they don't believe they have authority over the devil

A. Many of my people are praying to me, but very few of them are resisting the devil

1. People have tried to use the prayer of petition for everything and they try to pray the devil away, they try to pray pressure off and they get no results
2. Asking God to do something is not resisting the devil (Example: If he's over here pushing me and I turn to you and ask you to do something about him, asking you to do something about him is not me resisting Him)
3. Many are doing the same thing crying to God, begging God – That's acting like you have no authority

B. Eph4:26-You have authority over the devil to resist him and see him flee, to give him no place

1. You have authority over evil thoughts, wrong feelings and you need exercise you're God-given authority
2. God please do something about these thoughts, these feelings about this; EX: He's giving you joy and authority over depression – What do you want to do?