

## CASTING DOWN WRONG THOUGHTS

### Give No Place To The Devil

- I. **Give the enemy no place-*Ep4:26-Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27 Neither give place (opportunity, room, space, license, quarter) to the devil***
- A. This is written to believers and so believers can give the devil place in their lives-Many have and many do
1. So often this is the cause of so much trouble that so many are having-Many do it unknowingly or ignorantly
- B. The devil isn't doing whatever he wants in everyone's life-*1Pt5:8-Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion walks about seeking whom he may (permit, license, allow) devour: **9 Whom resist***
1. He wants to steal, kill and destroy, but he's needs place to do it so he looks for place-*Jb1:7-The Lord said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in this earth, and from walking up and down in it. 10 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house and about all that he hath on every side?*
  2. He needs place, opportunity, room to work otherwise he can do nothing-*Ep4:27-ER-Don't give the devil a way to defeat you; **GW**-Don't give the devil any opportunity to work; **VO**-Don't give the devil room to work; **CEV**-Don't give the devil a chance*
  3. He's not what he's cracked himself up to be-He can't just barge in and do whatever he wants to do in my life
- C. We can give the devil no place in our lives-That doesn't mean you'll never encounter a problem, a challenge or an attack, but when they come when can give the devil no place, no room, no opportunity to work
1. If the enemy has no place in your life it'll be because you determined in your heart to give him no place-It'll be because you determined to do something NOT God
- II. **How does the enemy get place in someone's life?**
- A. People give the enemy place by the way they operate
1. How you operate (what you believe, say, do, who you yield to) determines who has access into your life
    - a. Yielding gives place-Whomever you yield to you give place to carry out their will in your life-*Rm6:16-Know ye not to whom you yield yourselves servants (subjection) to obey, his servants you are to whom you obey*
    - b. Sin lets him in-*Ep4:26-Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27 Neither give place to the devil*
    - c. Unbelief gives place-*Mt17:20,Mt13:58,Hb3:19,*
  2. The way we don't give the enemy the place he's looking for is to resist him in faith-Yielding gives place-*1Pt5:8-Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion walks about seeking whom he may devour: **9 Whom resist***
- B. Satan needs us to operate in a manner that gives him access into our lives
1. How does he get people to operate in way that gives him place?-He can't make you do something to give him place
  2. How you operate flows from your heart-*Pr4:23-NIV-Everything you do flows from it (heart); **Mt12:35***
  3. If the enemy can get it into your heart, it will come out of you in how you operate-If he gets you full of his junk you'll get into unbelief, yield to him, sin – I got to get them full of what I want them to do
  4. To get it into your heart he has to go through your mind
- C. Peter operated in a way that gave the enemy place in his life-*Mt14:29-And he said, Come. When Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw (turn thoughts to, consider, contemplate, direct the mind to a thing, look at, behold, regard, turn eyes to, look upon gaze at) the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. <sup>31</sup> And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?*
1. Peter started out in faith and this gave the enemy no place-It's why the enemy couldn't stop him at first

2. To stop this the enemy has got to get Peter to operate differently so that he has place-All this faith won't do
  3. Peter went from operating in faith to operating in doubt-When how he operated changed access for the enemy changed
  4. Peter took a wrong thought, it got into his heart and caused him to operate in a way that gave him place
  5. Peter gave the devil place not just by doing something, but by thinking something-Considered what he shouldn't have
- D. To give the enemy no place begins with the mind-No place in my mind > no place in my heart > no place in my life
1. When you cast down wrong thoughts you are giving the devil no place