

RESIST THE DEVIL
He Will Flee From You

- I. **Resistance is the only thing our enemy responds to**—*Js4:7-Resist the devil and He will flee from you; CEB-He will run away from you; CEV-Run from you*
- A. The devil only flees IF you resist him—What if you don't resist Him?—**VO-Fight** against the devil and his schemes. If you do, he will run away in failure
- B. He only flees from those who resist him—Only those who resist get that response and if you want this response, make it your business to resist the devil
1. The enemy responded because he resisted him—**Mt4:11-Then** the devil leaveth him
- C. God told us repeatedly to resist the devil because this is what he responds to—**1Pt5:8-Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: ⁹Whom resist; Ep6:11-Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil; ¹³Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴Stand therefore**
1. Our adversary and whatever he tries to do responds to resistance—To us standing on the authority of The Word, in the authority of the name of Jesus
- D. Don't assume you're resisting the devil—It's easy to assume you're doing something because you know should do it or have heard it before
1. Many under attack can't seem to get over because they never resist—When you struggling to get over, ask yourself, *Am I resisting?* How are you acting in opposition to the (pressure of) devil or what he's trying to do?
- II. **Three truths: (1) Whatever you yield to you will have, (2) Whatever you resist you will get rid of (3) What you don't resist will hang around**
- A. You'll have what you yield to—**1Sm1:6-Her adversary provoked** (grieve, trouble, vex, sorrow) her sore (vexation, grief, sorrow, greatly)..make her fret (agitate, irritate, trouble) ⁷...year by year, when she went up to the house of the Lord, so she provoked her...she wept, and did not eat. ⁸...why is thy heart grieved (sad)? ¹⁰...she was in bitterness (discontent, heavy, angry) of soul...wept sore (weep weep; bitterly, in grief). ¹¹look on the affliction (depression, misery, trouble) of thine handmaid.. ¹⁵I am a woman of a sorrowful (heavy) spirit...¹⁶...out of the abundance of my complaint (anxiety, trouble) and grief (sorrow, vexation) have I spoken hitherto. ¹⁷ Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace (content, rest, happy, quiet, tranquil): and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him.¹⁸ The woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad
- B. What you resist you will get rid of—**1Sm30:4-Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep. ⁶And David was greatly distressed...but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God.**
- C. Whatever you want to get away from you, you must resist
1. How do you get rid of troubled heart?—Resist, tell it no—**Jn14:27-Let not your heart be troubled** (anxious, distressed), neither let it be afraid (fearful)
2. How do you get rid of sorrow?—Resist, act in opposition to it, tell it no
- a. Sorrow is a dangerous waste of time—**Pr15:13-By sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken; Ps127:2-It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows**
- b. Sorrow is not for the believer—**Is53:4-He carried our sorrows; Ph4:4-Rejoice in the Lord always; 1Th5:16-Rejoice evermore; Ps64:10-The righteous shall be glad in The Lord**
- c. You don't just lay down and yield to sorrow—**Lk6:22-Blessed are you when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. Rejoice you in that day, and leap for joy;**

1Pt4:12-Think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice; Ac5:40-When they had called the apostles and beat them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus and let them go. And they departed from the presence of the council rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name; Ps42:5-Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why art thou disquieted in me? Hope in God; 2Cor6:10-As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; Hab3:18-Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation; Ps9:2-I will be glad and rejoice in thee

3. How do you get rid of wrong thoughts?-Resist, tell them no-*Lm3:21-This I recall to my mind; Ph4:8-Think on these things; 2Cor10:5-Casting down imaginations*
4. How do you get rid of negative circumstances?-You resist, He resisted the lack, the fear, the death-*Ps23*

D. Through the power of resistance you can rid your life of what the enemy is trying to do that you don't want

III. **Being passive will get you devoured, defeated and destroyed**-*1Pt5:6-Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: ⁷ Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. ⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: ⁹ Whom resist steadfast in the faith*

A. Don't resist and you'll be devoured-He's looking to devour the answer is to resist

B. The devil works tirelessly to get believers to be passive, to do nothing-We need to be cautious about quoting phrases like their scriptures

1. Many say it's all up to God-*Js1:8-You shall make your way prosperous; Lk8:50-Fear not believe only and she shall be made whole; Mt13:58-Because of their unbelief*
2. Many say let go and let God-Let go of the care yes, but after that you must resist the devil-*1Tm6:12-Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life*
3. Many say God is in control of everything-*Dt30:19-I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life*
4. Many say we're waiting on God-*Is30:18-The Lord will wait, that he may be gracious to you*
5. Many say it's by grace alone-*Eph2:8-For by graced are you saved through faith*
6. Many say Satan is a defeated foe and I don't fight a defeated foe-*Ep6:12*

C. Begging God to do something is being passive-*2Co12:7-Lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. ⁸ For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. ⁹ And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.*

1. Beseeching God about the devil is not resisting the devil
2. Grace is empowers you to do something-Grace to resist him