

RESIST THE DEVIL

You Resist The Devil With The Word

I. **The devil came to Jesus in verse 3 and fled from Him in verse 11, therefore whatever Jesus did in verses 4-10 IS resisting the devil**-Mt4:3-When the tempter (press) came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. 4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. 5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, 6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. 7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. 8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; 9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. 10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence (away with you), Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. **11 Then the devil (go away, depart) leaveth him**

A. In resisting the devil, all 3 times, He used The Word, His words, His will-
All 3 times He used all 3 things

II. You resist the devil with THE WORD

A. The Word of God is the basis of our resisting the devil-We stand against what the devil tries to do in our lives on the basis of what God has said to us in His Word - We stand against fear because of Jn14:27, against sickness because of Mt8:17, against lack because of Ph4:19, against the curse because of Gal3:13

1. Jesus resisted the devil on the basis of The Word-He resisted these temptations on the basis of what God had said in His written Word

2. The Word awakens me to what I should resist-In His Word you find His will and anything contrary to His Will for your life is of the devil and we resist it

B. Then we resist the devil with The Word in hand-Eph6:11-Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil; ¹² For we wrestle (contend) not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. ¹³ Wherefore (because you're in a fight) 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. ¹⁴ Stand therefore having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; ¹⁵ And (having) your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. ¹⁷ And take (take with the hand) the helmet of salvation, and (take) the sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God

1. We are in a fight and our enemies are spirit not flesh-We don't wrestle with flesh, but we do wrestle and natural weapons won't suffice

2. The Word of God is a very real sword-It's not a metaphorical sword, it's not a symbolic sword, it's not like a sword - It's a sword

a. It is the only offensive weapon we have-You beat the enemy back with it

b. The Word is your sword-Many view the Bible as a theological book to be studied, discussed, debated; Others see it as a general guide for morality

3. We are supposed to have that sword in hand when resisting the devil-Ps149:6-Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand; Sos3:7-Behold his bed, which is Solomon's threescore valiant men are about it of

the valiant of Israel. 8 They all hold swords, being expert in war: every man hath his sword upon his thigh because of fear in the night

- C. IT IS WRITTEN is how you resist the devil-With The Word in hand we resist
1. EX-It is written, "Cast all your cares on the Lord for he cares for you! Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto. Let not your heart be troubled."
 2. The Word is full of power; Swing it and let it do the work-**Hb4:12,Rm1:16**
 3. Many who know this aren't enjoying victory because they're not doing it-This Works
 4. Many believers are not trained to fight like this, to resist with the Word in hand-Many come under attack and all they do is ask others to pray for them; Many don't know they need a sword, what it is or how to swing it
- D. Train yourself to run to the Word first-"What does The Word say?"
1. You can't say what is written if you don't even know what is written