

**RESIST THE DEVIL**  
**Swing Your Sword**

- I. You resist the devil with YOUR WORDS – To resist the devil Jesus spoke and to resist you will have to speak–Mt4:3–When the tempter 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, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.11 Then the devil leaveth him**
- II. God’s Word is our sword and we swing it by speaking it–Eph6:17**
- A. The sword goes out of the mouth–Rev1:16–Out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword; Re19:15–Out of his mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations; <sup>21</sup>The remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth
1. The book of Revelation is John seeing into the realm of the spirit–The sword of the spirit is The Word and it’s The Word coming out of His mouth
  2. When you speak the word the same thing happens–When you speak The Word if you were to peer into the realm of the spirit, you’d see coming out of your mouth what John saw coming out of Jesus’ mouth
- B. Until you speak The Word, it remains a sheathed sword–NOT know it, speak it
- C. To resist, to push back, to beat the enemy back, you must swing that sword–When I start speaking and swinging that sword I’m telling him no–Re2:16–I will fight (war) against them (teach Balaam’s doctrine) with the sword of my mouth
- III. To resist the devil you have run your mouth – You resist with your words**
- A. If you aren’t speaking you aren’t resisting–You don’t resist quietly
- B. One of the worst things you could ever do when you’re under attack is be quiet and say nothing–That is sheathing your sword
1. If he doesn’t say something he’s going to lose; This is not the time to be quiet–David was in one of the most trying times of his life–He’s running for his life from the King’s soldiers, he’s alone in a barren wilderness, lack, peril, fear, despair and death set before him–Ps23–Ps23:1– The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.<sup>2</sup> He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. <sup>3</sup> He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. <sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.
  2. Silence is the sound of defeat–When it’s quiet, Satan is gaining ground – If Jesus hadn’t spoken up, the enemy would’ve starting gaining ground
  3. Many under attack are saying nothing–And so the devil is gaining ground