

## HOW TO EXPERIENCE VICTORY OVER YOUR ADVERSARY

### Resist Like Jesus

- I. **As a believer three of the most important things you could ever learn are:**  
1. Your need to resist the devil 2. What to resist 3. How to resist the devil
- II. **What Jesus did in Matthew 4:3-11 is James 4:7 in action, it's a master class in resisting the devil; We know that because the devil fled-Mt4:3-When the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. <sup>8</sup>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; <sup>9</sup>And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>Then the devil leaveth him**
- III. **Jesus used The Word, His words and His will-All 3 times He used all 3 things**
- A. Resist the devil with THE WORD-It's a real sword, the only offensive weapon we have, how we get Satan to go the other way (Many view it as a theological book to be debated and discussed; You can debate it, I'm going to beat the devil with it) -**Ep6:11**-Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil...<sup>17</sup>...take (w/the hand) the sword of the spirit which is the Word of God
1. Resist with The Word in hand-Ps149:6-Let the high praises of God be in their (saints) mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand-**Sos3:8**-They all hold swords, being expert in war: every man hath his sword upon his thigh because of fear in the night
  2. IT IS WRITTEN is how you resist the devil-Many are not trained to fight like this; Others who know this aren't doing it, and act like they need something else; The Word is full of power, swing it and let it work
  3. 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-Jn14:27, Ph4:19, Mt8:17, Gal3:13
- B. Resist the devil with YOUR WORDS-To resist the devil you have run your mouth-No speaking no resisting-We fight and win with our words
1. Swing the sword by speaking it-It goes out our mouth-**Rv1:16**-Out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword-**Rv19:21**-Remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse which sword proceeded out of his mouth
  2. John is seeing into the realm of the spirit and he saw the Word coming out of His mouth and it was a sword-It's the same when we speak it
  3. Until you speak The Word, it remains a sheathed sword-Worst thing you can do under attack is say nothing; Silence is the sound of defeat

- C. To resist the devil you will have to exercise your will-With the will you determine if you'll resist or lay down and let him run over you (Will-Faculty of the mind which is exercised in deciding to do or not do)
1. He exercised His will and chose to resist-**Is7:15**-*Butter and honey shall he eat that he may know to refuse the evil and choose the good*
  2. The responsibility of choice falls on you-**Js24:15**-*Choose you this day whom ye will serve*
  3. You have to find the dog/lion in you-Must be something in you that says, I WILL never yield to the devil or anything he tries to do in my life
  4. Exercise your will by His grace and strength-**Ps44:5**-*Through thee will we push down our enemies: through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us. <sup>6</sup>For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me. <sup>7</sup>But thou hast saved us from our enemies*