

Resisting is a Choice!



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Our *choice* to resist is an effective *weapon* against the adversary! The choice James 4:7 “*Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*”

The plan and sequence is to make the commitment to accept the will of God—to then *resist* Satan in God’s strength to see the devil flee. If our peace is being disturbed, we can *resist* and *insist* and *persist* in having our peace restored—it is a Bible promise—the devil is *compelled* to flee.

All trouble, discouragement, depression, and oppression can be traced back to a disguised enemy—all problems originate from the devil. If we *resist* him in faith, we are *promised* God’s peace.

When Satan is cast into the bottomless pit, the millennial reign of Christ on earth begins, which immediately brings about peace—all sickness, struggles and strife are gone.

Satan’s absence brings about the Peaceable Kingdom. Isaiah 11:7 “*The cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.*” Our personal life enjoys peace when the devil leaves. We will have an inner peace with no hindrance to our prayers because Satan who blocks the answers is out of the way.

Everything changes with a few words—*Resist the devil, and he will [take flight] from you.* We

are promised healing; our peace restored; and finances supplied. We often forget that one *word* changes everything—*resist*.

If we are oppressed—resist the devil; if money is short—resist Satan; if there is strife in the home—resist the devil, and he leaves the house. We are to take advantage of our *choice* and to *resist* in the strength God gives.

Governments protect the rights of its citizens—but an individual can forfeit that protection by their free-will choice. Someone may ask for a donation—saying they need food; their children are hungry; or they must get a bus home. If we willingly give them the money, no government can get it back—because we said *Yes* to the person who wanted the money.

If we said *No* to that person, and they *took* it against our will, every police officer in the city is on our side to reclaim the money. The huge *difference* is—we *resisted* when the person wanted to *take* something from us.

If we *resist* the devil, he cannot *take* anything from us. If we willingly *surrender* our rights we have through the Atonement, the devil can rob us of anything.

To succeed in resisting the devil, we must *know* what *belongs* to us and what *rights* we have through the shed Blood of Jesus—then we can *claim* those rights in faith.

If we *gave* our consent and allowed Satan to rob us yesterday but realize we made a mistake and *refuse* to have his oppression today, he will have to *give back* what he *had taken*.

Without our consent, the devil *cannot* rob us of anything—spiritually, physically, financially, peace in the home, and he cannot rob of us our protection—he can no longer keep anything from us after we choose to *resist*, say *No*, and refuse to give him our permission.

If the owner of a property issues an *eviction* notice to a tenant that they must *vacate* within

thirty days, the laws of this commonwealth say that the person *must* move out of the house within that time. The owner can say *Yes*, the tenant may stay; or he can say *No*, they must leave.

The owner can *bind* the hands of the government; or he can have the *backing* of the government—it is his *choice* to *resist* or *relent*.

It is the same with us—we have certain *rights* and *privileges* under the Gospel and Atonement Blood of the Lord Jesus—therefore, the devil has *no* right to *enter* our home or to *stay* on our property without our consent. Resisting is our *choice*—we say *No* to the devil and he *must* leave.

The law of the land states that *nothing* can be taken from us unless we *waive* our rights and *consent* to it being taken.

Likewise, the devil cannot rob us of our Blood-purchased rights, unless we *give* him our consent. When we turn away *from* the power of Satan, and we turn *to* the power of God, the devil *must* leave and *not* return without our consent.

It is our purchased *entitlement* to have health, healing, protection, and all provisions—because God has paid for them for us. The devil keeps asking for our consent—and he can approach as an *angel of light* 2 Corinthians 11:14—but when *that* happens, it is still *our choice* to *resist* or *relent*.

Our *peace* was *purchased* on the Cross—the devil has no *right* to take from us, what was purchased *for* us! Satan has *no right* to torment us spiritually, physically, financially, in the home, at work, or anywhere else—he *must* leave when we *resist* in Jesus’ Name!

Hebrews 2:14 “*Since then the children referred to are all alike sharers in perishable human nature, [Jesus] also, in the same way, took on Him a share of it, in order that through death He might render powerless him who had authority over death, that is, the Devil, and might set at liberty all those who through fear of death had been subject to lifelong slavery.*”

The devil is not able to disturb our peace when we choose to *resist* and not allow him to take that peace from us. Satan is *not* able to torment us or to afflict our body, without our consent—the devil’s power has been destroyed by the sacrifice of Christ. Our choice is to *believe* that and *trust* Him for the victory—faith is the victory!

To succeed in resisting the devil, we are to make a final decision to trust only on God and to not compromise that trust.

If we will draw near to *God*, He draws near to *us* and *helps* us resist. James 4:8 “*Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.*”

A Bible example on resisting the devil is: 1 Kings 20:1 “*Benhadad the king of Syria gathered all his host together: and there were thirty and two kings with him, and horses, and chariots: and he went up and besieged Samaria and warred against it.*”

It was a huge military force of thirty-two governments, but they could not touch *Israel* without their consent—as Satan cannot touch us without our consent.

King Benhadad sends this message to King Ahab of Israel 1 Kings 20:3 “*Your silver and gold are mine, and the best of your wives and children are mine.*” King Benhadad *demands* that they take all this—money and loved ones.

The devil says the same to us—your health is mine; your loved ones are mine; and your money is mine. All too often we answer as 4 “*The king of Israel answered, ‘Just as you say, my lord the king. I and all I have are yours.’*”

How foolish it is to surrender rights to a paralyzed enemy!—but we often do. Israel’s king was in no spiritual condition to *claim* his rights.

1 Kings 20:5-6 “*The messengers came again and said, ‘This is what Ben-Hadad says: ‘I sent to demand your silver and gold, your wives and your*

children. 6 But about this time tomorrow I am going to send my officials to search your palace and the houses of your officials. They will seize everything you value and carry it away.’”

The saying is: *If you give the devil an inch; he’ll take a mile!* That applies here, so we must *resist* the devil the moment he comes at us.

1 Kings 20:7-8 “*So the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, ‘Notice, please, and see how this man seeks trouble, for he sent to me for my wives, my children, my silver, and my gold; and I did not deny him.’ 8 And all the elders and all the people said to him, ‘Do not listen or consent.’*”

God is saying to us: *Do not* listen to *nor* consent to anything Satan is saying to you or trying to put on you. Whenever we are oppressed; short of money; lacking peace, or are troubled in heart about anything, we are to *refuse* in the Name of Jesus; we are to *resist* the devil in faith so he will flee. We are *not* to surrender one thing to the devil but to *claim* our victory in Christ Jesus.

1 Kings 20:9 “*Therefore he said to the messengers of Ben-Hadad, ‘Tell my lord the king, ‘All that you sent for to your servant the first time I will do, but this thing I cannot do.’*”

The king did *not* have to consent the *first* time, but he now *resists* the demands and *refuses* to give up his rights. “*Do not listen nor consent—[so] the messengers departed and brought back word to him.*”

King Ben-hadad did not want to *hear* that and said 1 Kings 20:10 “*May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if enough dust remains in Samaria to give each of my men a handful.*”

The king of Israel gave this unforgettable reply 1 Kings 20:11 “*Tell him, Let not him that girdeth on his [armor] boast himself as he that putteth it off.*”

It was *not* what Ben-Hadad wanted to hear.

1 Kings 20:12-13 “*Ben-Hadad heard this message while he and the kings were drinking in their tents, and he ordered his men: ‘Prepare to attack.’ So they prepared to attack the city.*”

13 “*Meanwhile a prophet came to Ahab king of Israel and announced, ‘This is what the LORD says: ‘Do you see this vast army? I will give it into your hand today, and then you will know that I am the LORD.’*”

Israel made the choice to *resist the enemy*—he *withdrew* his consent. God *had* to be true to His Word when the king made that choice to resist.

If we will choose to *resist* the devil and *insist* on our deliverance over the devil’s power, God will *always* be true to His Word and will grant the victory—Malachi 3:6 “*I am the LORD, I change not.*”

When Satan comes back with old sins, wrong attitudes, and unscriptural choices of the past—we are to *resist* and *insist* that the devil pack-up and leave—we say *No*, we will *not* have that oppression; we will *not* consent to the illness; we will *not* surrender our Blood-purchased rights; and we will *not* allow Satan to rob us!

What God said to the king *that day*, He will say to us *this day*; 1 Kings 20:13 “*Hast thou seen all this great multitude? Behold, I will deliver it into thine hand this day; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD.*”

The key to victory James 4:7 “*Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*”

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