

# IT'S OUR CHOICE TO RESIST SATAN

## “RESISTING THE DEVIL IN JESUS NAME”

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Our choice to resist in Jesus' Name, is an effective weapon against temptations presented by the devil. That choice is given for us (James 4:7) *“Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”* The sequence of conditions is to first humble ourselves before God; resist the temptation in the strength that God gives (Scriptures assure us that God's strength and Grace are sufficient for us) and so, 'the devil must flee from us'. If our peace is being disturbed in any way, we can resist in Jesus' Name and insist on having our peace from God restored (and the devil must flee).

All trouble, discouragement, depression, oppression, and strife originate from the devil. If we resist him in faith, we are promised God's peace. (When Satan is thrown in the bottomless pit, the 'millennial reign of Christ' begins. Immediately there is peace, and sickness, strife, and struggles disappear.

Even the plant and animal kingdom are to be at peace. (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.”* (When Satan is bound, even wild animals are docile like a harmless lamb.)

Our personal life enjoys peace when the devil is forced to flee from us. Again, the promise (James 4:7) *“Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”* We can experience an inner peace with no hindrance to our prayers, because it is Satan who blocks those answers. Everything can be changed by just those few words of promise fulfilled for us, when we choose to believe and claim that Promise. We can receive healing; have our peace restored; have our finances supplied; and be guided by God's peaceful

Spirit, to be able to peacefully meet other people and situations right.

Many people do not realize and so, do not know that that those words 'resist in Jesus Name' changes everything. If we are oppressed physically, we are to resist the devil; if money is short, again we resist Satan's dark pictures of despair;(and resist temptations to misplace our trust to some human source of money); if there is strife in our family, we need to and must resist the devil in Jesus' Name and he must leave the house. We are responsible to choose right to use our opportunity to resist Satan.

(As analogy) Governments are supposed to protect the rights of its citizens—but an individual can forfeit that protection by their own choice of the will. 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 ten dollars, no one in the entire government could get it back', since we said “Yes” to the person who wanted the money.

If we said “No” to that person and they still took it from us, every police officer in the entire city is supposed to be on our side to get the money back. The huge difference is—we resisted when the person wanted to take something from us. If we resist the devil in Jesus' Name, he cannot take anything from us. If we willingly surrender our Atonement rights, the devil can rob us of everything.

In order to successfully resist the devil, we must know what belongs to us, and what rights we have, so we can claim them 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 spiritually, physically, financially, concerning the peace in our home, and he cannot take away our protection. The devil can no longer keep those things the moment we resist (say “No”), and refuse to give him permission.

If a property owner issues an eviction notice to a tenant, saying that they must vacate within a number of days, the laws of a commonwealth may say that the person must move out of the house within that time. The owner can say Yes, so the person may stay longer; or, he can say No, and they must leave. The owner can tie 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 in divine matters—we have certain rights and privileges under 'the Gospel' and 'the Atonement Blood of Christ'—and the devil has no right to enter our home or stay on our property without our consent. It is our choice to resist and say, *No*.

'Constitutional law' states that nothing can be taken from us unless we waive our rights and consent to it being taken. Neither can the devil rob us of our Blood-purchased rights unless we give our consent. The moment we turn away *from* the power of Satan, and turn to the power of God, the devil must flee; and he cannot come back without our consent.

It is our 'Blood-bought right' to have health, healing, protection, and every provision—they are God-given rights. The devil constantly comes to ask for and take those rights from us, and he can approach as an 'angel of light' (2 Cor. 11:14), so it is our choice to resist or to relent.

Our peace was purchased by the Blood of Christ. Satan has no right to take peace from us, and no right to torment us spiritually, physically, financially, or in the home, at work, or anywhere else, he must leave when we resist in faith in the Name of Jesus.

(Hebrews 2:14) *"Since then the children referred to are all alike sharers in perishable human nature, [Jesus] Himself 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, (15) and might set at liberty all those who through fear of death had been subject to lifelong slavery."*

The devil is rendered powerless to disturb our peace when we choose to resist in Jesus' Name and refuse to allow him to take that peace. Satan is not able to torment us or afflict our body without our consent — he has been paralyzed, so he cannot do anything to us or take anything from us.

To successfully resist the devil, we must make a final decision to go through trusting God without compromise— if we will 'draw near to God', He will draw near to us and help us to 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."*

Another example is a king who resisted the devil. (1 Kings 20:1) *"Ben-Hadad 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 heads of governments, but they could not touch Israel without their consent; and Satan cannot touch us, or enter our home, without our consent.)

King Ben-Hadad sent a 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 demanded to take their money and their loved ones. The devil says the same to us—your health and your loved ones are mine; and your money is mine. All too often we answer as *"The king of Israel answered, (4) 'Just as you say, my lord the king. I and all I have are yours.'"*

It is foolish to surrender rights to a paralyzed enemy. But the king of Israel was in no spiritual condition to know nor 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. 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 old saying: '*If you give the devil an inch, he will take a mile*, (would apply there). It is important to resist the devil the moment he appears. (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.' And all the elders and all the people said to him, 'Do not listen or consent.'"*

In like manner, we should not listen to, nor consent to anything Satan suggests to us (or tries to put upon us). The moment we are oppressed; short of finances; lacking peace, or are troubled in anyway, we are and need to refuse in the Name of Jesus; we are to *resist* the

devil in faith, and the Bible says that 'he will flee from us'.

We should always *resist Satan's temptations* and *insist in faith* on our deliverance; and *"do not listen or consent to him"* (the Bible says). We should not surrender one thing to the devil, but claim our victory in faith and in Christ. Again, until we give our consent the devil must flee.

(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.'" He did not have to consent that first time, but at least he now resisted those demands, and refused to 'give up his rights'. "Do not listen or consent" [so] "the messengers departed and brought back word to him."*

King Ben-Hadad did not like to hear that, and he 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 a significant reply (1 Kings 20:11), *"Tell him, 'Let not the one who puts on his armor boast like the one who takes it off.'" (Those words spoken in faith opened the way for God to have the last word on who won that battle.*

(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. 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.'" "*

The king had made the choice to *resist the enemy*—he did withdraw 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 instead, insist on our deliverance over the devil's power, God will always be true to His Word and grant us the victory— (Malachi 3:6) *"I am the LORD, I change not."*

When Satan comes back to tempt us with old sins, plans of self-life, and wrong attitudes in our past—we need to and must resist and insist that Satan flee—we are to say NO, *in Jesus' Name* we will not have that oppression; we will

*not* consent to an illness; we will not surrender our Blood-bought rights in Christ, and we will not allow Satan to rob us.

What God said to the king in 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 Bible gives us 'key to our victory' (James 4:7) *"Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."*

Instead of accepting the thoughts of Satan (which can seem so much like our own reasoning), we need to RESIST SATAN IN JESUS NAME, AND ask God for wisdom TO 'MEET the circumstances' we may be faced with, because God has promised to give us that wisdom, also that He will 'not allow us to be tempted beyond what we may bear'. (1 Cor.10:13) *"No temptation has you in its power but such as is common to human nature; and God is faithful and will not allow you to be tempted beyond your strength. But, when the temptation comes, He will also provide the way of escape; so that you may be able to bear it."*

And, right away, we can be shown the reason or lack of faith on our part, and to repent of that, and so, fulfill the conditions of resisting Satan and being blessed with FAITH TO RECEIVE our answer to prayer. Those conditions are to resist and reject the lies of Satan, and instead, to be believing on the plain 'fundamental truth' of God's Word.

The devil will try to make it a difficult process (to keep us from getting away from listening to his lies), but God is such a master Workman and, a most capable Teacher, that if anyone will place their lives in His hands (and hold steady no matter what), God will teach them as quickly as He finds that one can accept it.

If any one person would place their life in God's hands, and adhere by the rules; to ('run the race'), which means to hold firm and steadfast in FAITH; if ANYONE would do this, they might be MADE ready for Eternal Life; HOWEVER, there is a 'great work to be accomplished' in our lives.

We could be very concerned that so many have not found out that, what the Bible says, is true. Many people are deceived, and

so, they do not believe that every fundamental truth needs to be accepted; AND be lived out in their life, 'put into practice' every day, just like Jesus and sincere Bible Christians did.

At first one may not take the Truth seriously and see that many others do not as they live 'careless lives' within their church membership. There are many who do not realize the importance of accepting the whole Truth and Promises of God without reluctance (or even any hesitancy). That would include God's Truth about His divine healing plan for all who will trust on His power to heal them and loved ones. It would also include the control of every family member, and then God's financial plan to trust on Him alone for every need and Scriptural desire on our heart.

Those who do not take the truth of God seriously, who are unwilling to obey God in their finances, cannot (simply cannot), progress in the Christian life. And, they will surely be on a wide path to the Lake of Fire, if they remain unrepentant and continue on that pathway.

However, if we will give God a chance to show us this truth of His Word, we will gain many things and blessings (more than we could count) instead of, losing everything here; and especially so, losing out on His Promise of Eternal Life, (that 'Life of the Ages' which God's Word promises that everyone may have, who will 'trust on His Son'. (John 3:16). That is worth more to every person than a 'thousand worlds', and all those things of the world. **RESISTING THE DEVIL IN JESUS' NAME TO HAVE HIM TO FLEE FROM US, IS OUR FREEWILL CHOICE TO MAKE.**

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#### S468R MAIN POINTS:

The message emphasizes that when we will choose to accept and believe God's Word, to "Resist the devil" (in Jesus' Name of course), and that he will "flee from us" then in our personal life, our family, and home, we will enjoy peace because the devil was forced to flee from us, in fulfillment of that Word of God!



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