

## 11. Resist the Devil

When we put our faith and trust in Jesus, He transferred us from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light. Satan then declared war on us and became our sworn enemy.

Jesus, our Great Shepherd, knows this and has given us powerful weapons to overcome the attacks of the evil one. He modeled the approach that we are to take when encountering the devil and his organization.

You cannot and will not win the battle for purity and holiness unless you learn how to recognize demonic attack, AND learn how to apply the principles of spiritual resistance. Read and study the following verses.

James 4:7,8 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

1 Peter 5:8, Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

1 John 2:13-14 I write to you, fathers, because you have known him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, dear children, because you have known the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you have known him who is from the beginning, I write to you young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

Matt 4:1-11 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son

of God, tell these stones to become bread.” Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down, for it is written: ‘He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’” Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan? For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’” Luke 4:13 “Then the devil left him for a more opportune time...”

**MEMORIZE:** James 4:7,8

### **Questions:**

1. What did Jesus specifically do every time that Satan tempted him? Is this tactic applicable for us today?
2. When are ‘opportune times’ for Satan to attack?
3. Last week, the ‘Flee Principle’ was studied. Would this principle work against Satan? Why or why not?
4. What are the differences between a spiritual ‘child’ and a spiritual ‘young man’?

**Discussion: Have you ever be aware of satanic attack? Please describe it. How was this different from an attack from your own fleshly lusts, or from the world?**

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