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A Word For Your Day

Overcoming Satan



James 4:4-8 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. (5) Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? (6) But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. (7) **(2) Submit yourselves therefore to God. (3) Resist the devil, and (4) he will flee from you.** (8) **(1) Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Match numbers in blue to main points below**

I have known of some people in this world, that do not believe that there is a devil and many live like there is no devil. In either case, you cannot resist something that you don't believe in or even care to be conscious about.

All of God's kids are subject to attack from Satan or one of his demonic spirits. And all of God's kids are told to resist Satan in the same way. There is a pattern that God has laid out for us, so that we can have protection and victory when times get rough. **There are 4 (four) concrete things to think of to over coming Satan.**

1 The Sin Question If you and I will just read the above scripture from **James 4:4-8**, it will become very easy to see God's plan for our relief from Satan's attack. — The very first thing that is laid out for us is the question of sin. Sin often resides in our lives. Sin is like an open door to Satan. Our sin is like an invitation to Satan, say, come on in, and make yourself at home. And while you are here, take some of my things and help yourself to my loved ones. You can also ruin my testimony if you would like. **Satan always enjoys himself when we make things easy for him.** And because sin is an affront to God, sin also robs us of God's blessing and protection. **Gods says in James 4:7 and 8 :**



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2 The Submission Question The second thing that is almost screaming at us from this Scripture is our need to submit our selves to God! Most parents will tell you that when their children get in over their heads, that they would much rather have their child to come to them, than to get hurt. We are put together in such a way, that if we will just admit it, we would love for our Great Big Father in the sky to hold and protect us. Oh, just to be able to sit on our Father's lap and look up into those loving eyes and feel the strength of those strong arms around us.



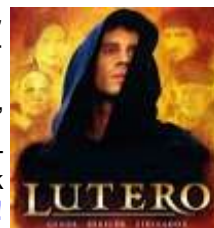
Submit yourselves therefore to God

Psalms 91:1-6 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. (2) I will say of the LORD, *He is* my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. (3) Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, *and* from the noisome pestilence. (4) He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth *shall be thy* shield and buckler. (5) Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; *nor* for the arrow *that* flieth by day; (6) *Nor* for the pestilence *that* walketh in darkness; *nor* for the destruction *that* wasteth at noonday.

3 The Strength Question. This third step is a very crucial one, but it is the most easy for us. It is the strength of our battle against Satan, When we are in the right relationship with God and Satan comes knocking on our door, threatening to blow down our frail little house. We are told to just sit still in God's arms. He will fight our battles for us. — **Resist the devil**

2 Chronicles 20:17 Ye shall not *need* to fight in this *battle*: set yourselves, stand ye *still*, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD *will be* with you.

4 The Security Question This fourth point is an absolute home run! —The “best is for last” — that is — Are you ready for this one, wait, wait, now all together—shout at Satan — **“Satan, you are not invited to this party”**, Now stick your tongue out at him, turn your back on him and enjoy the presence of the Lord. **It pays to be in a right relationship with God!**



— Satan — **he will flee from you**

Psalms 1:4-5 The ungodly *are* not so: but *are* like the chaff which the wind driveth away. (5) Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.