

Resisting the Devil with the Written Word of God

Once a person receives Jesus as their Lord and Savior, they immediately need to be taught who they are in Christ Jesus, how to be led by the Holy Spirit, and definitely ***how to resist the devil.***

If you were anything like I was when I got saved, most of your Christian friends believed that everything that happened to you was God's will. People told me that when I lost my job, when my apartment was broken into and robbed, and even when my floor-covering van and tools were stolen, that these events were God's will. At first, I was willing to accept all this as the Lord's will, but thank God, I learned differently.

In time, the Lord sent someone to teach me the Word of faith. It was through this teaching that I learned how to take authority over the devil. If I had not been taught scriptures like Mark 11:23 and Mark 16:17, I would have never had my van and tools returned to me. Even though my van and all the tools had been stolen (which happened because I hadn't listened to the Lord), what immediately rose up from my heart came out of my mouth. It was a verse of scripture and the Name of Jesus.

I heard myself commanding the devil to bring my van and all my tools back, in Jesus' Name. In a little over twenty-four hours, I got my van back and all of my tools! This miracle that God performed seemed to be a real shock to many dear people. This included most of the people I went to church with, who just 'knew' I'd never get my van back.

There always seems to have been a division within the church concerning the teaching and doctrine of who has authority in and over your life. The question has always been – is it *God*, who created you and recreated you in the new birth, *or you*, as an individual born-again child of God, who has the authority? I think that if a person has an open mind to the teaching of the Word of God, they will begin to see that from the very beginning, in the book of Genesis, that God has given *us* authority and dominion in this world, ***in the Name of Jesus***. This authority extends over the devil, his kingdom, and the life-threatening circumstances in this world. (See *Authority Scriptures* on page 5.)

Adam and Eve lost their lives because they did not use their spiritual authority given to them by the Lord. As we read in Genesis 1:26-28,

²⁶**And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.**

²⁷**So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.**

²⁸**And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. (See also Genesis 2:15 and Genesis 3:1-13.)**

The same is true today. Many believers suffer circumstances and situations that God never intended for them to suffer. (That is, everything from being killed in an auto accident to totaling your car or losing your job.) Many have even died prematurely because they did not use their authority over the devil. Because this is such a controversial subject in the body of Christ, I'm going to give you several scriptures to help renew your mind to God's Word. Use them to defend yourself during times of tests and trials.

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Ephesians 6:17

When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:

Matthew 8:16

It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Matthew 4:4

In Mark 4:35-41, as well as in the scriptures that follow, Jesus shows us how to take authority over life-threatening situations by rebuking the situation and circumstances.

³⁵**And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side.**

³⁶And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships.

³⁷And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

³⁸And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

³⁹And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

⁴⁰And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

⁴¹And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him? Mark4:35-41

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

Matthew 11: 12

Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house. Matthew 12:29

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 16: 18

Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Matthew 18:18

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Luke 10:19

The number one way to resist and rebuke the devil and life-threatening circumstances is *by speaking the Word of God in the Name of Jesus*. It is our responsibility as believers not only to resist the devil by taking authority over him in Jesus' Name, but also to cast down every thought and imagination that comes to our mind that is contrary to God's Word. As we read in the following scriptures:

⁴(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) ⁵Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

2 Corinthians 10:4,5

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Philippians 4:8

It is equally important to speak to the mountains (our problems) in our lives and command them to be removed in Jesus' Name. The following are examples of how to take authority over the devil pertaining to the different areas of your life and loved ones' lives. These apply to problems that you are currently experiencing or thoughts of worry, fear, doubt and unbelief that are bombarding your mind.

HEALING:

When the thought comes to your mind that you are not going to receive your healing or when symptoms of pain and other alarming symptoms attack your body, the first thing to do is say the following:

"Satan, it is written, Christ hath redeemed me from the curse of the law. Jesus bore my griefs and carried my sorrows; He was wounded for my transgressions, He was bruised for my iniquities; the chastisement of my peace was upon Him. Jesus Himself took my infirmities and bore my sicknesses, and by His stripes I was healed. I refuse any sickness, disease or pain in my body. My body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, and

God wishes above all things that I prosper and be in health, even as my soul prospers, in Jesus' Name.

Satan, it is written, '**And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.'**

I'm walking in love, and I've forgiven everyone of everything. I'm not breaking any of the commandments of God. Therefore, you cannot put sickness or disease on me. I refuse it, in Jesus' Name, for it is written, '**And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee. There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfil'** (Isaiah 53:4,5 & Exodus 23:25,26)."

FINANCES:

Concerning your finances, say the following:

"Satan, it is written in Mark 11:23, '**For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.'**

I refuse any lack, poverty or indebtedness, for it is written, I owe no man anything but to love one another. God wishes above all things that I prosper. My God supplies all of my need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Jesus became poor, that I, through His poverty I might be rich.

Satan, it is written, I'm an heir of God, a joint-heir with Christ Jesus and an heir of Abraham's blessing. I refuse poverty and lack. I bind you from my finances. Jesus gave me power to tread upon serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy. You can't keep me from prospering. According to Mark 11:23, Jesus said I can have what I say, and I say I live in abundance and all my bills are paid on time. I'm debt-free and I have favor with God and man. Whatever I do prospers. I'm redeemed from poverty and lack, and I'm an heir of wealth and prosperity.

I'm a tither and a giver, and Satan, it is written, '**Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the**

LORD of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts. Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again' (Malachi 3:10-12 & Luke 6:38). Satan, you can't keep blessings from coming to me, nor can you keep people from giving unto me, for I have what I say in Jesus' Name, and you have to obey me."

FEAR AND WORRY:

If it is fear or worry that is coming to you, just say the following:

"Satan, it is written, God has not given me a spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind. I have the mind of Christ, and the memory of the just is blessed. Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world. I can do all things through Christ.

It is written, whatever I bind on earth is bound in heaven. Draw nigh unto God and He will draw nigh unto you. Resist the devil and he will flee. Be sober, be vigilant because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist stedfast in the faith... And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

I have power to cast out demons in Jesus' Name, for it is written, **'Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow...'** (Philippians 2:9-10)."

PRESENT PROBLEMS:

When dealing with present problems, say the following:

"Satan, it is written, I have favor with God and man. No weapon formed against me shall prosper, but whatever I do will prosper. In Jesus' Name, Satan, I take authority over you and I bind you from _____.

It is written in Romans 8:28, 31, 32, & 37,

'And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

³¹What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

³²He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

³⁷Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.'

In Acts 27:25, it is written,

'... I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me...' in His written Word, in Jesus' Name, Amen."

These aren't formulas that you say just one time. These are principles from the Word of God that a believer has to practice to scripturally exercise their authority over the devil in Jesus' Name. Every time the devil talks to you or brings thoughts to your mind of worry, doubt, fear or unbelief, immediately say out loud, *"Satan, I rebuke you in Jesus' Name."* Whether it is day or night, or if you are with a crowd of people or by yourself (wherever you may be), immediately take authority *in Jesus' Name* over anything that would be stealing, killing or destroying.

Practicing and exercising your authority and diligently working the Word, speaking the Word, standing on the Word, obeying the Word and believing the Word is what James 1:22 means when it says to be a 'doer of the Word' of God. Doing the Word will produce victory in your life, and someday it will even save your life.

Many times, worry and fear can grip our minds so that we can't even think, but automatically, out of our mouth, up from our heart will come a verse of scripture in the Name of Jesus. All of the time we put into practicing, confessing and meditating on the Word will pay off and produce miracle dividends in our life. These include divine protection, prosperity, health and favor with God and man.

When I was a little boy, I was attacked by a dog and bitten on the face. I grew up being afraid of dogs. Even after I was born -again, I was still ruled by fear, but I kept confessing the Name of Jesus day and night. Little did I realize that soon I would be tested.

The test came one day when I was working as a carpet installer. I was attacked by a dog that was bigger than a German shepherd. The homeowner of the place we were to carpet sicced his dog on me. It happened so fast and scared me so much that I couldn't even think of what to do. The dog's mouth was so large that it reached all the way around my leg. Just as its jaws were coming together, out of my mouth came the Name of Jesus. The man was so shocked when his dog ran back to hide under the porch swing; he swore that I had 'maced' his dog.

It was Satan's plan to take my leg that day, but thank God, someone had taught me how to use my authority over the devil. You, too, can use your authority and walk in divine protection. And, by doing so, God will be able to come through with His miracle working power, in Jesus' Name. In fact, this is God's desire for us. He wants us to take authority over our circumstances by speaking the written Word of God to our problems in the Name of Jesus. I want to tell you something that the Lord said to me one day.

WHAT THE LORD SAID TO ME:

"Son, you're not using your authority over the devil. These circumstances are not going to get any better until you use your authority. Every time a problem comes to you or anything that is stealing, killing, or destroying, son, I want you to say to the devil, '*Satan, it is written, God wishes above all things that I prosper and be in health. Therefore, I refuse poverty, lack, sickness and disease, in Jesus' Name.*' This is how you exercise your authority over the devil, cause mountains to move, cause the devil to flee and turn problems into miracles. Always say, '*Satan, it is written*', then quote what was written '*in Jesus' Name.*'

You haven't been doing this enough, so I want you to do it day and night. Don't let up until I tell you otherwise. All day, all night, just keep saying, '*It is written*', and then quote what it is written, and speak it in Jesus' Name. And son, when you do this and you stay diligent and you do it in every area of your life, you will experience victory in every area of your life, but not until you do this.

Most of my children never take authority over the devil, and the rest can't remember the last time they did. Too few of my children even know about speaking my Word. Therefore, I want you to teach them. I want you to take this message to all the world and tell my children that if they'll use their authority and not give up or quit, the devil will be unable to keep them from prospering.

There are so many things I want to do for my children and it all begins by them first having a knowledge of who they are in Christ, and by them putting that knowledge into action and exercising their authority as a believer in Jesus' Name.

Tell my children to speak to their mountains, claim their inheritance and take authority over the devil. Teach them to say, '*Satan, it is written...*', and quote a verse in Jesus' Name. And I'll meet every one of their needs in abundance and they won't lack for any good thing. Many of my children have died prematurely, simply because they were not taught to speak the written Word of God. They welcomed the curse of sickness and

disease. They opened themselves up to the spirit of death, and others around them blamed me for what happened to them.

When my people reject being taught the Word of faith, whether they realize it or not, they're rejecting my help and protection for them. They persecute it and make fun of it; they call it names, and little do they realize, they're opening themselves to the attacks of the devil, who preys on weakness and ignorance. For I said in Matthew 7:24-27,

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

So, son, reach as many people as you can and teach all the Word of faith. I want you to go on every radio and television station you can, as well as the internet. Print as many materials as you can, and teaching tapes, do as many meetings as you can, because too many of my children are weak and cannot withstand the attacks of the enemy. It's urgent that you get the message out. I'm going to send people to help you, as well as people to support you financially, and I'll bless every one that helps you get the message out, far greater than they could ask or think."

—Thus saith the Lord.

AUTHORITY SCRIPTURES

And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. **Matthew 17:20**

Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Matthew 18:18

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

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And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: **Ephesians 6:17**

⁹ Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: ¹⁰ That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; ¹¹ And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **Philippians 2:9-11**

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. **James 4:7**

⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: ⁹ Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. **1 Peter 5:8-9**

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