

CONSECRATION 2015

Embracing the Supernatural

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

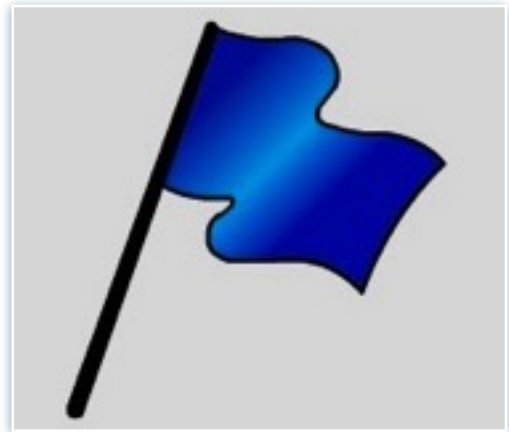
The Bible tells us in James 4:7 to resist the devil. God told us what would happen when the enemy comes in like a flood. The Word tells us that the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him (Isaiah 59:18). Sometimes, we think that God fights the battle for us.

What is this standard that the Spirit of the Lord lifts against our enemy? The standard is an ensign. It's a flag or banner, a sign, token, or emblem. It indicates an office or authority but it is up to you and I to believe what is on that banner before we can use it effectively. We have to be willing to be associated with what that banner represents.

THE CARNAL MIND - A PLAYGROUND FOR THE ENEMY

I have been talking pretty extensively about the carnal mind and how it operates in the believer and the unbeliever. Being saved does not mean that you don't fight against the carnality of the human mind.

What do you do when the enemy comes in like a flood and tries to attack your mind? What do you do when he is telling you that your God-given dream will never come to pass? How do you resist those attacks? Do you stand firm against those lies and command them to leave or do you allow the devil to mentally attack your mind with untrue allegations?



“And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil”

Genesis 3:1-5

In Genesis 3, this is exactly what happened to the woman. Look at Genesis 3:1-5. The serpent made some untrue allegations by saying “you will not surely die for God doth know that in the day that you eat thereof that your eyes shall be opened.” He questioned the validity of what God had said. The irony of the story is that we do not see where the woman came against him after that accusation was made.

WEEK 4 PRAYER OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Pray for the salvation of loved ones and people coming to know Christ.
- ▶ Pray for the church to grow up, to mature and to walk in love.
- ▶ Pray that God will grant a greater understanding of the Holy Spirit.
- ▶ Pray for a renewed mind.
- ▶ Pray for the restoration of the children that we have lost to the world.
- ▶ Pray for the events of the church.
- ▶ Pray for prosperity in your life and in the church as well.

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DON'T BELIEVE THE HYPE!

I believe that if she had said something significant against those accusations that it would have been written and we would not be in the predicament that we are in today. She said nothing against the lies. Which to me means that it was received. It means that she believed what he said. She too questioned God's intentions toward her. What we can also see is that he saw that there was some inaccuracy in what she said in response to his statement and he pressed on.

Lie # 1: "Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day that ye eat thereof then your eyes shall be opened".

To open here is not referring to the natural eye, but the meaning here is to open the senses. The senses here are not hearing, smelling, touching, tasting, or seeing, but the way that they were going to perceive things. **Lie #2: "and ye shall be as gods.** He was telling them that they were going to be rulers, God-like. They were already that! He told them that they were going to become something that they already were.

The woman did not resist the lies. What do you do when the devil tells you a lie? Adam did not stand up against the lie once it was presented to him either. This opened the floodgates for the devil to attack their mind with these untruths. Now this brings us to James 4:7, where it is said "resist the devil and he will flee from you". The word resist means to stand against or to stand in opposition. This word demonstrates the attitude of one who is fiercely opposed to something and is determined that he will do everything within his power to resist it; to stand against it and to defy its operation.

By using this word, James plainly lets us know that we must be aggressively determined to stand against the works of the devil. I believe that these are lessons that are not just for this month, but that must be applied to our lives for the rest of our lives if we are going to succeed in the things that God is telling us to do.

This week, if you have not already, we are going to remove beef from our diet in addition to the previously removed items including those that you have sacrificed personally. I have had the opportunity to talk to some of you and I know that this time of consecration has been more difficult than at other times. The Bible tells us to "be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain (1 Cor 15:58)." I am encouraging you to press "toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14)!

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