

RESIST THE DEVIL

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

Listen what God's Prophet said about it:

Remember, **the Word of God will defeat Satan anywhere, anytime.** Just say, "It is written. It is written." That settles it. Satan will have to flee. "Resist the devil and he will flee from you." [1]

You can't have Life, only through Christ. **And now what does His Word do? It builds up our spiritual body, strong, as we commune with Him to resist the devil.**

You say, "Brother Branham, what's that you say, 'communing in His Word'?"

Yes, He is the Word. *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelled among us" (St. John 1:1-2,14).* **And we are to eat His body (John 6:48-58). Then His body is His Word, because He is the Word.** And He said in St. John 15:7, "If ye abide in Me, and My communion, My Word, abides in you, then you can ask what you will and it'll be done for you." There you are.

What do you do? You're building up your body to inoculation from the... Somebody comes in and said, "Oh, our church doesn't believe in shouting." See, you're built up. What? **You got communion in you: the Word.** And you're inoculated from it. If a bunch of nonsense comes in, what is it? It has no Word in it, then you're sure it's wrong. I don't care how real it looks, if it's not the Word, leave it alone. **I don't care what it does; it must compare with the Word.** [2]

When the enemy comes in like a flood (Isaiah 59:19), as is coming today, what did God say He'd do? **The Spirit of God would raise up a standard against it (Rev. 19:15).** Are you one of them? Yes, sir.

We are taught in James 4:7 to resist the devil, and he just won't walk away, **but he will flee.** Resist the devil. How do you resist the devil? The same way our Chief Captain told us to do it. **Take the Word of God; that's how you resist the devil is by the Word of God.** The Chief Captain told us just how it was done. All right.

Now, I want to say this: that old devil, now you think he brazen; you think he will attack a child? He will attack anything; he attacked Jesus Christ. He come at Him with three wild attacks (*Matt. 4:1-11*). Did you know that? Satan didn't just only attack once. **He will attack you with a disease,** then here he will come back and attack and say, "The days of miracles is past. You can't get healed; there's nothing to it." You know that's right?

He attacked Jesus three times. Three wild attacks he run in on Jesus with his unbelief in God's Word. **Jesus was the Word.** Sure, he didn't believe it. "If thou be. If thou be." Here he comes, wild attacks, like sometimes the enemy makes.

Here he comes, saying, "If thou be the Son of God, show me a miracle; let me see it done." Brother, three wild attacks he flew in, "If thou be."

Now, what did Jesus? **Jesus was the Word of God;** He was the Word (*Rev. 19:11-13*). **He attacked the Word.** Glory. Jesus is the Word. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word made flesh and dwelled... Jesus was the Word. What did He do? **He cut him to ribbons.** Oh, my. What did Jesus do? He was the Word, **so with the Word He cut Satan on his wild attacks.** He flew in there like a bunch of parastorm troopers or something like that, flew in on Jesus, the Word, like that, and Jesus took that Word and sliced him to pieces. Hallelujah. Sure, sliced him to pieces, **defeated him with the Word.** [3]

We are taught to resist the Devil, and he will flee from us. Now, **"to resist" is to just simply "turn him down"; just resist him; that is, just walk away from it. God said a certain thing; no matter what he's trying to tell you, you don't even listen to him.** Your ears are deaf to anything else **but what the Spirit says.** See? "To him that has an ear (that listens), see what the Spirit saith unto the churches," **the one that's got the listening post, that catches what the Spirit says to the churches** (*Rev. 3:13*). [4]

You know a big man can be criticized **and he pays no attention.** But it's the little one that speaks the loudest. **So He wasn't paying attention** when they were criticizing, making fun of Him, **He had one thing: that was doing the will of His Father** (*John 5:30; 6:38*). With His heart full, to know that He came to His own, and His own received Him not, and knowing that He was to die for their very sins. He had His face set towards Jerusalem's Calvary. All that on His heart, He never noticed the flying missiles, and the criticisms, and so forth. He was walking towards Calvary. [5]

Brother Branham said furthermore: Let me tell you, my brother, when the Blood of Jesus Christ cleanses from all sin... I've seen **twenty-three years now of leading of the Holy Spirit, to yield myself to Him and not pay any attention to what nothing says. It's put a something in my heart that's anchored there that I didn't put in myself. The Holy Ghost put it there.** God's got truth for me. I'll walk in the Light as He is in the Light. I'll have fellowship, one with another, while the Blood of Jesus Christ cleanses from all unrighteousness (*I John 1:7*). [6]

What did He do? He set out and **He conquered sickness.** There could be no sickness around Him. **Wherever sickness was, He conquered it.** What did He do after He conquered it? He give us the keys (Amen.), saying, *"Whatever you bind on earth, I'll bind it in heaven."* (*Matt. 18:18-19*). Amen. **That's the royal seed of Abraham as promised, the Holy Ghost in us now, with the keys holding to sickness** (*Gal. 3:7,29*). He conquered sickness. Sickness cannot stand in His Presence, and He said that He gave us the keys to do the same thing: **conquer sickness,** "Whatever you bind on earth, I'll bind in heaven."

Also temptation, He was tempted in every manner like we were (*Heb. 4:14-16*). What did He do? **He conquered it.** What did He say to us? *"Resist the*

devil and he'll flee from you." (James 4:7). He conquered sickness for us. **He conquered temptation for us, broke down the gates took the key away from the tempter,** and handed it over to the believer of Abraham's seed, and said, **"If he tempts you, resist him, and he'll flee from you."** Oh, my. Resist him.

He conquered both death and hell. He rose up on the third day, saying, "I have overcome, and because I live you live also" (*John 14:18-19*). Oh, what a promise. That's to the seed of Abraham. He conquered the grave, rose up on the third day **for our justification.** When He rose up He was our justification. What does that make us? **He conquered sickness; He conquered death; He conquered hell; He conquered the grave; He conquered temptation** (*Heb. 2:17-18*).

Now we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us and gave His life for us (*Rom. 8:37*), being the royal Seed of Abraham **with the same Spirit of God in us that was in Him. We are more than conquerors. Every gate has been conquered for us. The only thing we have to do is possess it. It's already conquered.** Sickness is conquered; death is conquered; hell is conquered; the grave is conquered; everything is conquered, and we hold the keys by His grace. Are you afraid to stick them in the lock and say, "I come in the Name of Jesus Christ"? "Ask the Father anything in My Name." I love Him. [7]

We got so many pretty things we have to see, so many fashions. The devil just wants you to do like Eve, stop for a minute. **Don't you pay any attention to him. Keep your eyes on Christ** (*Psalms 16:8-9*), **your ears on the Word and keep moving on.** That's the faith that was once delivered to the saints (*Jude 3*). [8]

You see, **sin wasn't known then** (in the days of Luther, Wesley...) **like it is now. And when we got more knowledge now than we had then,** and when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of God raises a standard against it. See? **And now today, we've got more knowledge** (*Daniel 12:4,9-10; Eph. 1:15-20; II Peter 3:18*), **more understanding,** so the rivers of unbelief is flowing in hard, but God raises a standard against it. [9]

When the Bible said, "When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of God raises a standard against it." What does He do? **He makes the Word that He's already said more positive, and taking His same Word, and just making It more positive.** [10]

Civilization has traveled with the sun. We all know that. Oldest civilization is China and constantly... **And as civilization comes, sin heaps up, keeps heaping.** And now it's hit the west coast. And sin has constantly came.

When the Indian lived here, he had no sin. He had a little tribal wars. But when the white man had come, he brought whiskey, women, murder, and everything else. **And sin has constantly heaped up.** And as sin heaps up... The Bible said when the enemy comes in like a flood, God would raise up a standard against it. **The Word of God would raise up a standard. The Word would be more manifested, more manifested.**

The Holy Ghost struck first on the west coast, some cross-eyed colored man, down here in California. Holy Ghost struck on California with speaking in

tongues. Then came Divine healing campaign, and here we are at the end time. Hallelujah. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever... You believe it?

[11]

Notice, as the antichrist went forth on his beast of ministry there, **God sent forth a beast to combat it.** See? Now, watch. Then every time the beast rode on his horse (the antichrist rode on his horse, on his beast) to announce his ministry, **God sent His beast also, in his own mask to announce His combat to it** (*Rev. 6:1-8; Rev. 4:6-8*).

Now, the Scripture says, "When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of God raises a standard against it." **And so when the enemy went out as an antichrist, God sent a certain type of power out to meet him.** And then when he went out again as a red horse rider--another color, another power, another ministry--**God sent another one after him to combat it,** to hold His Church. Sent the third one, again God sent His third beast to come and announce it. He sent the fourth one. God sent His fourth one, and then the antichrist end, and the church ages ended too at that time. Watch. This is really good.

Now, we see that the devil changing four beasts meant what power he revealed to the world and how they ended on this pale death horse. **Now, let's look at God's powers of these beasts to combat them.**

The first beast of God that He went out to meet the antichrist with, the antichrist spirit when it said **it's just his teaching.** Now, remember, when the antichrist first rode, **he was in a teaching ministry. The antichrist rode first in a teaching ministry.**

And watch the one that went to meet him, the Lion, **the Lion of the tribe of Juda, which is the Word.** When his false teaching went forth, **the true Word went to meet him.** That's the reason we had an Irenaeus, and a Polycarp, and those fellows, Saint Martin. When that antichrist was riding with his false teaching, **God sent His teaching out, the Word, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, which is the Word made manifest in the Holy Spirit. And the Holy Spirit there to manifest Himself which is the Word...** (*John 6:63*).

That's the reason the early church had healings and miracles and visions and power, is because it was the living Word in the form of the Lion of the tribe of Juda riding out to combat that. Amen. Now, you got it? He sends his power, antichrist; **God sends His, the Word.** Antichrist, false teaching: **the true teaching went with it to combat it.** Now, that was the first one. Now, this was the first church, apostolic, that went to meet him. [12]

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[Bro. Branham in "Conduct-Order-Doctrine", pg. 724]