



Sunday May 22, 2016
Say "No Devil!"

This message a reminder to resist the devil when he comes against us and to confidently advance to destroy his works as we minister to others.

Jesus disarmed and defeated the devil and shared His victory with those who believe in Him. Those who believe in Christ can walk in His completed victory.

Colossians 2:15

Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it (*the Cross*).

Hebrews 2:14

Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,

Isaiah 53:12

Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong,...

The devil and his demons are still at work in this world for a period of time.

As believers we are living in enemy occupied territory at the moment. So we will face demonic trouble, attack and assaults:

Attack on the mind with wrong thoughts (fear, doubt, lust, temptation, deception)

Attack on the body with sickness and disease

Attack on situations and circumstances (an attempt to steal or destroy what is ours and what God wants us to have).

Also when we are ministering to people we will find demonic activity (a)people who are oppressed in their body with sickness, disease, etc. (b)people who are oppressed in their soul/mind and (c)people who are possessed with demons

In all cases we go against or stand against the devil based on

A, the completed work of Christ on the Cross: we have already seen this earlier

B, the authority we have in Jesus name : Jesus said we will cast out devils in His name (Mark 16:17)

C, on our identity in Christ : we are the redeemed of God. Satan has no claim on us and no right over us. We are seated in Christ in the heavenly realms at the right hand of God.



D, the presence and power of the Holy Spirit within and upon us : Our body is God's property and is the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19-20, 3:16). Like Jesus we by the Spirit cast out devils (Matthew 12:28). It is the anointing on us that destroys demonic yokes and bondages (Isaiah 10:27)

E, the spoken Word of God with our armor on: Ephesians 6:17

F, the unfailing love that God has for us : no principality or power (devils) can separate us from the love of God (Romans 8:37-39). We rest in this.

Resisting demonic attacks

Lets look at some Scriptures that instruct us on how to resist demonic attacks:

James 4:7

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

When you face temptation or the enemy throws wrong thoughts against you bring that area of attack first in submission to God and then say "No devil!". Say "I reject that thought in Jesus name".

1 Peter 5:8-9

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

Be strong in your faith and resist the devil. Say "No devil!"

Ephesians 4:27 nor give place to the devil.

If you find that the enemy is trying to intrude and gain entrance in some area of your life, stand your ground and say "No devil! I give you no access to this area of my life"

1 John 5:18 We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.

Make sure you are keeping yourself from continual sin. Say "No devil! you will not touch me in any way"

John 14:30 I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.

Like Jesus there should be nothing in our lives that the devil can use as a hook to pull on us.

Delivering people from demonic works

When we go out to minister to people, whether they are oppressed in body, mind or are possessed by demonic powers, we minister on the same basis.



Jesus has given us authority over all the power of the enemy.
Luke 10:19

We are here to destroy the works of the devil just as Jesus did during His ministry. Jesus went about healing the sick and casting out devils.
1 John 3:8

So we are bold and confident.

We are aware of

A, the completed work of Christ on the Cross

B, the authority we have in Jesus name

C, on our identity in Christ

D, the presence and power of the Holy Spirit within and upon us

E, the power of the spoken Word

F, the unfailing love that God has for us

and on the basis of these we press forward to destroy the works of the devil and set people free.