

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY NOTES

Grace and Peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;... 2 Peter 1:2

Give No Place to the Devil

The Art of Spiritual Warfare

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Paul Made This Statement:

Ephesians 4:27 KJV - Neither give place to the devil.

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Jesus Made These Two Statements:

John 14:30 "I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me;

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John 14:31 but so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me...

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- **In the many things that Jesus came to accomplish in His time here on earth, one of the most important was His example**
- **He came to show us the way, not just the way to heaven, but the way to live**

- **He showed us both how to lead, and how to submit.**
- **As leaders, He showed us that we are to love and to serve His people.**
- **Jesus demonstrated that He came to serve, not to be served.**
- **True leaders are to have serving hearts, not abusing hearts.**

- **As One under authority, He gave us an example of submission**
- **He showed us how to submit to the Father in all that He commands**
- **Not some of the time, or in some things. But all of the time, in all things...**
- **Eph 5:21 Submit one to another in the fear of the Lord...**
- **Submission to God and His authority births authority over all the power of the enemy**
- **For the devil is incapable of submitting to God**
- **So, when we submit to God, we are automatically resisting the devil**

James 4:7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. **(1 act- not 2 separate acts...)**

Submit: to Stand under

Resist: to stand firm and not be moved

When we submit to God Psalm 91 verse 4 says:

Psalm 91:4 He will cover you with His pinions, And under His wings you may seek refuge;...

- **When you live like Jesus did, that is a life of submission to God and His authority you will find yourself dwelling in the shadow of the Almighty**
- **When you find yourself in this place of safety submit to it, stand under it, and refuse to be moved**

Ephesians 6:13,14 KJV - ... having done all, to stand. **14** Stand therefore,

- **When we submit to God, we resist the devil.**
- **It is that simple, it is that powerful**

James 4:8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you...

- **When God is near you, the devil is not...**

How do We Submit to God, How do We Draw Near to God:

Jesus said:

Mark 12:30 AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.'

All: Whole, complete. No space unfilled.

Love the Lord with All Your Heart:

Jeremiah 31:33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. ...

Love the Lord with All Your Soul: The seat of emotions.

Psalm 100:2 Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing. ... **4** Enter His gates with thanksgiving And His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. ...

Love the Lord with All Your Mind:

Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. ...

Love the Lord with All Your Strength:

Strength: To be firm and strong.

Jeremiah 16:19 NKJV - O LORD, my strength and my fortress, My refuge in the day of affliction,... ...

Let us look at the word All again:

All: Whole, complete. No space unfilled.

Why is this so important:

Matthew 12:43 "Now when the unclean spirit goes out of a man, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and does not find it. **44** "Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came'; and when it comes, it finds it unoccupied, swept, and put in order. **45** "Then it goes and takes along with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. ***That is the way it will also be with this evil generation.***"

- **This is not just a principle in an individual, Jesus clearly states that this is also a principle with an entire generation of believers**

Let us see how this is demonstrated in the Old Testament when the children of Israel were delivered from Egypt:

- **Moses had left the children of Israel, and Aaron his brother, to go up to the mountain to seek the Lord**

Exodus 32:1 Now when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people assembled about Aaron and said to him, "Come, make us a god who will go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." ... **3** Then all the people tore off the gold rings which were in their ears and brought them to Aaron. **4** He took this from their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool and made it into a molten calf; and they said, "This is your god, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt."

Exodus 32:7 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Go down at once, for your people, whom you brought up from the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. **8** "They have quickly turned aside from the way which I commanded them. They have made for themselves a molten calf, and have worshiped it and have sacrificed to it and said, 'This is your god, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!'"

Exodus 32:25 Now when Moses saw that the people were out of control--for Aaron had let them get out of control to be a derision among their enemies—

Derision: Mockery (like when Christian's vent and spew out all kinds of accusations over Facebook)

- **Aaron let them get out of control**
- **Aaron was not strong enough to fill the space that Moses left...**
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- **Many of the great generals of the faith have departed like Moses, and have gone on to be with the Lord**
- **They have left a huge vacuum that this current generation of believers have not been able to fill**
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- **Many young leaders, who unlike Joshua, did not submit themselves to a father in the faith**
- **And therefore, like Rehoboam, Solomon's son who refused to listen to the wisdom of the elders, these have found another way to serve God**
- **This has produced a huge vacuum that the enemy quickly filled in bringing back demons that were once removed by the church of old**

Expound...

In His letters to the churches in the Book of Revelation, Jesus addresses the condition of an unwise church:

Revelation 2:12 "And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: The One who has the sharp two-edged sword says this:

Revelation 2:14 'But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel,...

Revelation 2:15 'So you also have some who in the same way hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans.

Nicolaitans: The name implies “Conquerors of the People”. Referring to hier-archical abusive authority

- The problem with this church was the leaders...

Expound:

- The issue with much of the church is
- That Jesus gave the example to His leaders that they should conduct themselves and lead His church with the attitude of a servant
- Not with the attitude of the Nicolaitans

Revelation 2:18 "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze, says this:

Revelation 2:20 'But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess,...

- The problem with this church was with the believers

Expound:

Jesus was the perfect example of a good shepherd and a leader with a servants heart:

- Yet, when He attempted to wash Peters feet
- Peter said, no Lord you shall not wash my feet
- Jesus said, if I do not wash your feet you have no part with me...

The problem is we have many believers who refuse to allow good pastors to wash their feet:

- In this way, they disqualify themselves from having a part in the fullness of Christ and leave space open in their lives for the devil to enter...