

Top Secrets For Daily Victory (James 4:7)

- One great reality we face in the life of faith is that we face a fierce adversary
- Luther's hymn: "did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing"
- James sets before us a Biblical defense against the wiles & snares of the evil one
- The first truth that needs to be affirmed is that we already have victory over Satan
- Christ crushed the head of the serpent on the cross, but we must wear His armor

I. First Requirement: 'Submit Yourselves, Therefore, to God' (7a)

- 1) Submit yourself to God: this is contrary to the world's slogan "assert yourself"
- "obedient" same word for "submit" means "to place oneself under" Bible uses it:
 - a) Civic Life: God commands we submit to governing authorities 1 Pet 2:13
 - b) Church Life: Paul urges the Corinthians to submit to God's servants 1 Cor 16:16
 - c) Family Life: Paul commands wives submit to your husbands Col 3:16; Eph 5
 - d) Business Life: Bible commands servants, be faithful to masters 1 Pet 2:18
 - i) Because He is Lord Rom 9:20,21
 - ii) Because of His Law: all men are commanded to obey God's Law
 - iii) Because of His Love: God's love redeems us in Christ who is the end of the law
 1. We must submit to God's doctrines: John 8:31,32
 2. We must submit to God's discipline: Heb 12:5

II. Second Requirement: "Resist the Devil" lit. 'Take Your Stand Against' (7b)

- 1) Defensive aspect of our stand against Satan: 1 Pet 5: 8,9
- 2) 'Resist' is active, not passive; it is defensive, but not docile: No 'let go, let God'!
 - a) We are to resist Satan, by knowing his tactics: 2 Cor 2:11
 - b) We are to take decisive action 'don't give the devil a foothold' Eph 4:26,27
 - c) We are to put on the armor God has provided Eph 6: 10-18

III Third Requirement: 'He Will Flee from You' (7c)

- 1) The Devil is vulnerable:
 - Three things Satan does not know and three things he cannot do
 - He is strong but not supreme; he is potent but not omnipotent
 - He can be beaten back and forced to the ground. He is weak and vulnerable
- 2) We must be vigilant: Luke 4: 13, God promises us victory Rom 16: 20
- 3) We can be victorious: The Christian can say, "I can overcome today" Rom 8:37