

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

RESIST THE DEVIL

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What should the believers in Christ do as we move closer and closer to the time of the Antichrist and evil increases on all sides? Should we accept fear and run? Should we be resigned to the fact that the Antichrist is prophesied and stop resisting him? Should we just give up, hide and wait for Jesus to come and rescue us?

There is no place in the New Testament where we are told to surrender to the forces of the Antichrist. We are told that the Antichrist will make war with the believers in Christ and overcome them but we are never told to surrender. **Revelation 13:4-9**

Twice we are told to resist the Devil and not to give in. **James 4:7, 1 Peter 5:8-9**

HOW TO MAKE WAR AGAINST THE DEVIL

We are told to fight with our spiritual weapons. **2 Corinthians 10:3-5**

The Devil and his underlings is the real enemy who possesses unsaved people and hurls them against us. **Ephesians 6:10-18**

WARFARE IN THE PAST

Let's begin to look at some examples of how God led His people to fight evil without a sword:

1. The city of Jericho was well fortified and Joshua and his army did not have the equipment to conquer it but God supernaturally sank the walls into the ground. **Joshua 6:1-21**
2. Gideon and his men had the victory as they stood around the camp of the Midianites. **Judges 7:1-7; 12-22**

INDIVIDUAL WARFARE

King Ahab is a type of an Antichrist. He was evil and ruled Israel with an iron fist. **1 Kings 16:29-33**

Ahab could not be defeated in the flesh but God moved upon the prophet Elijah to attack Ahab and his regime. **God shut up the heavens through the prayer of one man** and it did not rain for more than three years. **1 Kings 17:1**

God supernaturally protected and fed Elijah. **verses 2-7**

The water disappeared in the brook from the drought and God moved Elijah out of Israel and made another arrangement for him, all in the supernatural. **verses 8-16**



When the son of the widow died, God used Elijah to raise him from the dead. **verses 17-24**

King Ahab was not doing well during these years but he could not defend himself from the prayer of Elijah. God told Elijah to go back to Israel and see Ahab after three years. **1 Kings 18:1-2**

King Ahab had been looking for Elijah during these years and it caused a big stir when Elijah showed up in Israel. **verses 3-15**

Elijah was a brave man who trusted in God to face a raging man like Ahab. **verses 16-18**

Elijah called for a showdown. **verses 19-20**

Elijah knew that he would be a dead man if God did not answer at the showdown but he had faith in God and the time had come to to destroy the Baal prophets in Israel. **verses 21-29**

Elijah wanted to make sure there would be no doubt that this was an answer from the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. **verses 30-35**

His prayer was simple, short and then the fire fell. **verses 36-38**

The people believed in God and the Baal prophets were slain. **verses 39-40**

Elijah was full of faith; he spoke it, lived it and proclaimed it. **verses 41-46**

JESUS CHRIST IS ALWAYS THE SAME

We have power even though we are facing evil governments, corruption in the court system and the masses of sin plagued people!

- ❖ We can pray against evil men and ask God to remove them.
- ❖ We can pray against speculation in food and commodities.
- ❖ We can pray for rain or for drought.
- ❖ We can pray for an earthquake to shake the sinners.

We have power in the name of Jesus but most Christians never use the power God has given them because of unbelief.

The Bible says that Elijah was a man just like us. **James 5:13-18**

If we have the righteousness of Christ, *should we not therefore move in it and begin to take dominion around us and resist the Devil?* **Romans 3:20-28**

It is time for God's people to rise up and begin to shout, **"MOUNTAIN, IN THE NAME OF JESUS, BE THOU REMOVED!"** **Mark 11:22-24**

You can become a Joshua, Gideon or an Elijah because Jesus and the Father lives within the believer in Christ and nothing is impossible for God. **Matthew 19:26**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!