

How to Pray to Overcome Satanic Attacks

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[Dan 10:12-13 NASB95] 12 Then he said to me, "Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding [this] and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words. 13 "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia.

- When you face opposition—whether in your family, your finances, or your health—understand that there is often a spiritual root.
- Daniel was a man of prayer, seeking God's wisdom and understanding. Yet, as he prayed, a spiritual conflict erupted in the heavenly realms. The "prince of Persia" refers to a demonic power resisting God's answer.
- Jesus speaks about the role of prayer in dealing with Satan. [Mat 6:13 NASB] 13 'And do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]
 - The Greek word used here is πονηροῦ (ponērou), which can be translated either as "evil" in a general sense or as "the evil one," referring specifically to Satan.
 - The Greek text uses the definite article "the" before "evil," which indicates Jesus is likely referring to a specific entity rather than evil in general. Many biblical scholars and commentators interpret "the evil one" in this verse as referring specifically to Satan rather than evil in general. The structure of the verse, with its plea for deliverance, suggests a personal adversary rather than an abstract concept of evil.
 - Dr. Plummer, professor at the Southern Baptist Seminary, makes the same observation about the personification of the "evil one" in this verse.
- We are daily in a spiritual war. Jesus taught us to call on God's unlimited power to deal with a very defeated, though active, devil. Are you praying against the devil daily?

What do we need know to deal with Satan in prayer?

Here are five important truths about dealing with Satan in prayer.

I. Deal with Satan in prayer by living submitted to God.

- a. [Jas 4:7 NASB] 7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
- b. Trying to deal with evil spirits only work to the level that we are walking with God. [Act 19:15-17 NASB95] 15 And the evil spirit answered and said to them, "I recognize Jesus, and I know about Paul, but who are you?" 16 And the man, in whom was the evil spirit, leaped on them and subdued all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. 17 This became known to all, both Jews and Greeks, who lived in Ephesus; and fear fell upon them all and the name of the Lord Jesus was being magnified.
- c. Dominion over the devil works when one is submitted to God.

II. Deal with Satan in prayer every day.

- a. [Eph 6:18 NASB] 18 With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,
- b. Dr. Plummer asks, "Are we praying against the wicked, active devil daily?"
- c. Why do we wait until Satan is tearing us apart before we start fighting?
- d. Learn to incorporate dealing with the devil in your daily prayer life.

III. Deal with Satan in pray first to take territory for God.

- a. [Mat 12:28-29 NASB95] 28 "But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. 29 "Or how can anyone enter the strong man's

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house and carry off his property, unless he first binds the strong [man?] And then he will plunder his house.

- b. Why first? [Rev 12:4 NASB95] 4 And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child.
- c. We know Satan is going to fight us, we need to deal with him first as we take territory for God.

IV. Deal with Satan in prayer using the Word of God.

- a. [Mat 4:4, 7, 10 NASB] 4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'" ... 7 Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, it is written, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'" ... 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Go, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'"
- b. [Eph 6:17 NASB] 17 And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.
- c. Satan is not dealt with by our words, but by God's Word. When we speak His Word, it becomes a weapon in our mouths.

V. Deal with Satan in prayer by praying in the Spirit/tongues.

- a. [Eph 6:18 NASB95] 18 With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,
- b. [1Co 14:2 NASB95] 2 For one who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God; for no one understands, but in [his] spirit he speaks mysteries.
- c. Part of our praying is warfare praying.
- d. There is a real enemy that is trying to stop the church.
- e. Paul says that when we are engaged in spiritual warfare, we need to pray in the Spirit.
- f. Two ways:
 - i. Praying about things you do not know in the natural realm.
 - ii. Your prayers go directly to God.

- **"You will never outgrow spiritual warfare. You might as well learn how to fight." Dr. Larry Lea**
- **Say, "In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I censure, admonish, forbid, and take command of every evil spirit that is warring against my family, my church, and me. I declare that God's power is delivering me and defeating my enemies. Satan, his demons, and their work are stopped now. Every spirit must be quiet! I speak peace, be still to every adversarial situation in my life. I stand over every sickness, and at my rebuke, in the Name of Jesus Christ, it has to leave. I command every spirit that is hindering me to go! As a tither, every devourer that has come against my finances must leave now! By the power of the Holy Spirit, I am delivered and walking in victory in every area of my life." (Mk. 16:17; Acts 10:38; Rom. 16:20; Lk. 4:35; Mk. 4:39; Lk. 13:12-13; 1 Thess. 2:18; Mal. 3:10-11; Col. 1:13; 1 Cor. 15:57.)**