

**GREETING:** As always, I am so happy to welcome you to our Morning Manna service today. You who are in the house - "Thank you for coming." You who are viewing - "Thank you" for watching. Please allow the Lord to touch your heart as you worship Him today.

**PRAYER:**

**NOT BY MIGHT, NOT BY POWER**

**NOT BY MIGHT, NOT BY POWER,  
BUT BY MY SPIRIT,  
SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS;  
NOT BY MIGHT, NOT BY POWER,  
BUT BY MY SPIRIT,  
SAITH THE LORD.**

**THIS MOUNTAIN SHALL BE REMOVED,  
THIS MOUNTAIN SHALL BE REMOVED,  
THIS MOUNTAIN SHALL BE REMOVED,  
BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD.**

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LEARN TO SAY - "NOT TODAY!"

## **PRAISE THE NAME OF JESUS**

**PRAISE THE NAME OF JESUS,  
PRAISE THE NAME OF JESUS.**

**HE'S MY ROCK,  
HE'S MY FORTRESS,  
HE'S MY DELIVERER  
IN HIM WILL I TRUST.  
PRAISE THE NAME OF JESUS.**

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## **LEARN TO SAY - "NOT TODAY!"**

**I got the title for this message from a statement I saw on a t-shirt. You've probably seen it too.**



**Actually, that statement is very scripturally appropriate for a child of God. Whereas I do not encourage you to carry on a conversation with the devil, I do encourage**

**you to rebuke his foul spirit in the mighty name of Jesus.**

### **Introduction:**

**All of us have spiritual attacks which harass us, and which try to separate us from the peace of God that rules our heart. Regardless of our position in Christ, we still must resist the forces of evil and the temptations of the flesh 24/7.**

**You know I am speaking the truth. You **KNOW** that you have to fight the good fight every waking moment of every day. The enemy does not rest or re-calibrate his efforts against you. He wants to cripple, to harm, to discourage, and to deny your living faith in your Living Lord.**

**His attacks against you are usually camouflaged or "gaslighted." (That term has become part of our language because it has become a favorite tool of our present day WOKE generation.)**

**Author, Sarah DiGiulio, wrote - "Gaslighting happens in personal relationships (think an abusive spouse or, in rarer cases, parent), in professional relationships (a manipulative boss or coworker preying on a subordinate), and even by public figures. Psychologists use the term "gaslighting" to refer**

**to a specific type of manipulation where the manipulator is trying to get someone else (or a group of people) to question their own reality, memory or perceptions. And it's always a serious problem, according to psychologists.**

**In other words, Satan uses this tool to try to destroy, or confuse, your relationship to Jesus. He wants to destroy who you are in Christ.**

**The attacks may come as discouragement. They may come as hurt feelings. They may come as work-related conflicts. They may come as family quarrels. They may come as financial hardship. They may come as sickness. They may come as - (fill in the blank.)**

**You know what I'm talking about because you, like myself, consistently face these attacks in one way or another.**

**Sometimes, you may feel like a small child trembling in a dark closet. Or you might feel mentally exhausted and emotionally wrung out. Or, perhaps, you may feel like the walls are closing in and you are about to be crushed to death.**

**If that's you today - I have great news. The Spirit of God in you is more than a match for any and all attacks by the enemy of your soul. He comes to devour but he**

only pretends to be a roaring lion. In truth, he is a defeated foe, and his efforts are stopped in their tracks as soon as you remember who you are. The royal blood in your veins is directly connected to the One who rules the universe. His power in you energizes and anoints you to win every spiritual battle every time.

The question is: How can I consistently say, "Not today?"

I have five scriptures to answer that question for you. Each one is a declaration that demands obedience and faithfulness.

Scriptures:

1. Always walk in submission to God

**James 4:7 (KJV)**

**<sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**

2. Remember - God gives you undefeatable weapons

**2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 10:4,5**

**<sup>4</sup> (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of**

strong holds;)

<sup>5</sup> Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

### 3. God's armour provides strength and power

**Ephesians 6:10,11**

<sup>10</sup> Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

<sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

### 4. Always remain serious (sober) about the battle.

**1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:8,9**

<sup>8</sup> Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

<sup>9</sup> Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

### 5. Keep your ears sanctified. Judge everything you hear by the Word of God. Don't be naïve about lying spirits and/or lying people.

**1<sup>st</sup> John 4:1-4**

Beloved, **believe not every spirit**, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

<sup>2</sup> Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

<sup>3</sup> And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

<sup>4</sup> Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: **because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.**

I encourage you to allow these Truths to reside in your spirit so you will always be armed for any spiritual battle. The Apostle Paul wrote the following challenge to the Christians in Rome:

**Romans 12:2 (KJV)**

**And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**

I like **The Message** version of this verse.

**"So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you."**

**Fight your battles one at a time and say with confidence, "NOT TODAY!"**

**Say it with me - "NOT TODAY!"**

**Do whatever you must do to deal with any problem you are facing but always have this declaration at the forefront of your mind. Not today, not tomorrow, not any day.**

**You are more than a mere warrior. You are a winner!**



**Romans 8:37 (NKJV)**

**New King James Version**

**<sup>37</sup> Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.**

**REJOICE FOR THE STEPS**

**REJOICE, FOR THE STEPS, OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN,  
THEY ARE ORDERED OF GOD,  
THEY ARE ORDERED OF GOD;  
REJOICE, FOR THE STEPS, OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN,  
THEY ARE ORDERED OF GOD.**

**IN THE TIME OF TROUBLE, GOD WILL UPHOLD HIM,  
GOD WILL PRESERVE HIM, GOD WILL SUSTAIN HIM;  
IN THE TIME OF TROUBLE, GOD WILL LIFT HIM UP,  
SO, REJOICE,  
YOUR STEPS ARE ORDERED OF GOD.**

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**Closing Prayer:**

**Thank you for sharing this service. It means so much to us for you to share this service with your family and friends.**