

## *Shake The Devil's World*

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The devil wants to shake your world so that your life becomes unproductive and unfruitful. The devil also tried to shake Jesus' world when he came to tempt Jesus after He had been baptized in the Jordan River. And just as the devil tried to get Jesus off course, he desires to shake your thinking, believing, and speaking so that you will walk away from the will of God for your life. So what did Jesus do when the devil showed up?

First, He kept speaking the Word because He believed that the Word was enough to sustain Him. He said in Matthew 4:4, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Pastor Kenneth W. Hagin said, "You engage the supernatural power of God in your situation when you speak the Word regardless of the situation." The scripture says in Isaiah 55:11, "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." The Basic Translation says, "It will not come back to me with nothing done." Jesus spoke the Word to the devil and the devil "departed from him for a season." (Luke 4:13)

The second thing that Jesus did besides staying with the Word was that He maintained His priorities. He did not allow the pressure of the situation to move Him off course. He did not stray from the plan of God because He stayed focused on what was important in God's sight. He did not act like the children of Israel when they saw the giants and the walled cities and chose to stay in the wilderness rather than going into the promised land to receive their inheritance. Jesus put the Father first and chose to fulfill the will of God for His life.

The third action Jesus took was to use His God-given authority to deal with the devil. Jesus said to him, "Get thee behind me Satan," (Luke 4:8) when Satan attempted to get Him off course. Jesus stood immovable against the attack of the devil and He told the devil to leave. The devil had no choice but to submit to the authority of Jesus and he did so for a season.

The devil wants to shake us up so that we will lose our desire and fervency in serving God. Satan's desire is that we walk away from God's best and become a passive Christian that just sits in a pew and warms a bench week after week. But we need to turn the tables on the devil and shake up his kingdom. We do that by speaking the Word, staying focused on our priorities, and using our God-given authority when we are attacked.

Have you ever looked up scriptures on how God wants you to be prosperous and blessed? There are scriptures in both the Old and New Testaments dealing with this topic. Let me share just a few Old Testament scriptures dealing with the subject of prosperity.

Job 36:11

If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.

Ps. 35:27

Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favor my righteous cause. Yea, let them say continually, let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

Jer. 29:11 (NIV)

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Prov. 8:21

That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance: and I will fill their treasures.

If He made these promises in the Old Testament, how much more do you think He will prosper you now because of Jesus and your redemption?