The Devil Fleeing
Ja. 4:6-10

I. He will flee from you. - Ja. 4:7

A. This is a promise, that when we resist the devil, he will flee from us. But do we cause him to flee? Does he flee because of us? No.

v. 6 God giveth grace unto the humble.

Ja. 1:17 Every good & perfect gift is from God.

What a good & perfect gift Satan fleeing is. The devil flees from us because of God.

This thought is completed in Ja. 4:8.

B. Rom. 7:14-25 Here's how good we are at resisting the devil without God.

Jude 9 - Even Michael the archangel had to use the Lord to effectively resist the devil.

Mt. 4:10-11 Christ is the only one who could say "Get thee hence, Satan," & make him leave. Christ can make him leave us, too Gal. 2:20 because Christ lives in us

C. Because Christ defeated Satan.

Mt. 12:29 Bind the strong man.

Lk. 10:17-18 Satan fall from heaven.

Rev. 20:1-10 Description of Satan's fall.

v. 3 - Bottomless pit - world-sin - Prov 27:20 - I Jn 2:15

1,000 yrs → II Pet. 3:8

v. 4 - Lk. 22:28-30 Judgement given to apostles

Rev. 13:8 - Saints only worshipped not the beast

Ps. 51:1-17
Mt. 26:33-35; 69-75 Peter resisting alone.

V.6- 2nd Death hath no power-the devil <u>will</u> flee from us, But he can be loosed into our lives through sin & iniquity II Tim 2:19.

V. 7-10 Satan's final defeat & punishment

Rev. 12:7-11 Satan overcome by Christ's blood.

Heb. 2:9-18 Christ, through death, destroyed the devil and delivers us.

II Pet 2:9, II Tim. 4:18, I Cor. 10:13

This protection from Satan is a tremendous blessing, but what does God bless?

Ja. 1:25 He blesses our work

II. So we must submit ourselves to God - Ja. 4:7

I Pet. 5:6-7, Ja. 4:10 Humble ourselves to God, How?

Phil. 2:5-8 By obedience,

A. Obey the Gospel - II Thes. 1:7-9

I Cor. 15:1-4 - the gospel defined - Christ's death, burial, & resurrection.

I Cor. 1:17-18, 23 Christ crucified

Rom. 1:16 Gospel is power of God unto salvation

Rev. 1:5 Washed us from our sins in his own blood.

Rom. 6:3-4 By baptism, Gal. 3:26-27 with faith,

Acts 2:38 w/ repentance, I Jn. 4:15 - Acts 8:37-38 w/ confession

B. Obey all Christ's commands - Mt. 28:20

Mt. 22:37 Love the Lord our God

Jn. 14:15 By keeping his commands

I Jn. 5:2-3 This is the love of God, His commands are not grievous, Disobeying his commands can be, Ex. - Peter & Paul, Ex. AIDS Though there are innocent victims, such as a spouse without it getting it from a spouse with it or an unborn baby getting it from its mother & being born with it, AIDS & the grief it brings usually comes from disobeying Gods commands. It comes from fornication, homosexual & heterosexual, condemned throughout the scriptures, & needles used in illegal drug use, condemned by the word witchcraft in Gal. 5:20 (Greek word pharmak-eia) and sorcerors in Rev. 21:8 (Greek word, pharmakeus). Don't expect Church of Christ preachers to teach lies of "safe sex". The only safe sex is that taught by the Bible, one man & one woman, for life, Don't expect Church of Christ preachers to hand out condoms like other so-called preachers, Expect us to teach the truth. Rom. 1:26-32. How can we avoid AIDS? I Cor. 6:18-20 By obedience to this command we can avoid the grief AIDS brings.

God doesn't forbid fornication to deprive us of anything, but to protect us & make

sex & marriage more special
Heb. 13:4, Prov. 18:22, Prov. 5:18-19, 20-23

III. Resist the Devil.
I Cor. 10:13 God will provide a way out, but we must take it. Eph 2:1-5, II Cor 5:17, 14-15
Ja. 4:7-8 God makes the devil flee but he blesses our work, so we must resist the devil, cleanse our hands, and purify our hearts
I Pet. 5:8-9 Resist stedfast
Ja. 1:27 Keep ourselves unspotted
Rom. 6:11-13 → Col. 3:5-9 Mortify earthly members
Gal. 5:24-25, 16 By walking in the Spirit
Rom. 8:5-13 Not in the flesh
Rev 12:11 Our part, resisting the devil, ~~not only~~ includes resisting temptations, which with enduring persecution would be not loving our lives, ~~but~~ It also includes helping others resist the devil by the word of our testimony, teaching. If we aren't taught about iniquity that can loose Satan back into our lives, how can we keep that from happening?

IV. Draw nigh to God, & He will draw nigh to you - Ja. 4:8
A. Study Psa. 119:10, Prov. 24:5-6, I Cor. 14:37, II Tim. 2:15
B. Prayer Heb. 4:14-16, I Pet. 5:7, Phil. 4:6, Ja. 5:15-16, I Jn 5:14-16
Ex- myself.