

In the Gospels, there are two clear occasions where the Lord Jesus rebuked and drove away Satan openly.

The first was when Satan offered Him the kingdoms of the world in exchange for worship.

The second was when Satan tried to *comfort* Him — persuading Him not to face the suffering that was before Him.

Let us read:

Matthew 4:8-10

“Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to Him, ‘All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.’

Then Jesus said to him, ‘Get thee hence, Satan! For it is written, You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve.’”

And again:

Matthew 16:21-23

“From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, ‘Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!’

But He turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.’”

THERE ARE BOUNDARIES YOU MUST NOT ALLOW SATAN TO CROSS

The Lord saw that there are spiritual boundaries that no person or creature should ever cross.

And when Satan crossed those lines, he was not only rebuked — he was driven away completely.

The first boundary is worship.

Satan wanted Jesus to bow down to him in exchange for worldly glory — but Jesus refused immediately.

“You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve.”

Many today are willing to compromise their faith for the sake of worldly gain.

Some worship Satan through their actions — for money, fame, relationships, or status.

Others are ready to bribe, to kill, to offer sacrifices, or to sell their bodies for financial security.

Yet Jesus, though hungry and poor at that moment, still said:
“Depart from Me, Satan.”

Beloved, when you reach a place where sin is presented as the price for comfort —

Do not tolerate Satan even for a second!

Drive him away with all your strength, no matter how desperate your situation may be.

THE SECOND PLACE — WHEN SUFFERING IS NECESSARY FOR GOD'S PURPOSE

The other moment when Jesus rebuked Satan was when the enemy tried to divert Him from the cross through Peter's words of

compassion.

Peter said, "*This shall never happen to You.*" But Jesus discerned the voice behind those words — and cast it out immediately.

If Jesus had listened to that voice, humanity would have no salvation today.

The blood that redeems us would never have been shed.

Sometimes, Satan uses the appearance of comfort to stop us from walking in God's perfect will.

He tells you, "*You don't have to suffer. You don't have to go through this.*"

But behind that whisper is a trap — a plan to stop you from reaching the glory God prepared for you.

The Apostle Paul understood this clearly.

He knew imprisonment and trials awaited him in Jerusalem, yet he said:

Acts 21:12-13

"When we heard this, we and the people there pleaded with him not to go up to Jerusalem.

Then Paul answered, 'Why are you weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.'"

Paul refused to be discouraged because he knew the fruit of obedience was far greater than the temporary pain of suffering.

DO NOT GIVE SATAN SPACE — IN DESIRE OR IN FEAR

As believers, we must not allow Satan to gain ground in two areas:

1. Through the lusts of the world that separate us from God.
2. Through the fear of suffering that prevents us from fulfilling God's plan.

Stand firm. When Satan tempts you with promises of success, or tries to persuade you to avoid the cross — rebuke him at once.

"Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." — James 4:7

May the Lord strengthen you to stand faithfully until the end.

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