

The Accuser of the Brethren: When You're Accused

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Scripture References:

- Revelation 12:10
- Revelation 12:10, *NIV*
- Ezekiel 28:15, 17, 18
- Isaiah 14:12-15
- 1 Peter 5:8
- 1 Peter 5:8, *NLT*
- Job 1:9-11, *NLT*
- Hebrews 13:5
- Matthew 28:20
- 1 John 2:1, 2
- 2 Corinthians 7:2
- Hebrews 12:1, 2
- Hebrews 12:1, 2, *NLT*
- Nehemiah 8:10
- Ephesians 2:8, 9
- John 10:27-30
- John 1:12
- Lamentations 3:22, 23
- Philippians 2:13, *NLT*

Summary:

Satan, our sworn enemy, is focused entirely on attacking and destroying us. He was once one of God's angels, but was cast out of heaven and sentenced to hell because of his pride; he now spends his remaining time accusing mankind of their sins. However, Jesus' blood is much more powerful than anything the devil hurls at us to cause shame and condemnation. Regardless of the lies the enemy tells us, the forgiveness and salvation we receive from God is permanent.

Notes:

1. There are three ways the devil wants to hinder Christians: he doesn't want us to get saved, and therefore wants to keep us from the light of the gospel; he doesn't want us to live for God; he wants to prevent us from walking in God's freedom and liberty that Jesus' blood bought for us.
2. Satan constantly reminds us of our sins, but his accusations are powerless against God. We must have a mindset that whatever the enemy does, we won't leave God, who has already made the same commitment to us.
3. The enemy tries to get us to question our salvation, but it's irrevocable and unchanging. We win when we use the Word of God as a weapon against the devil when he attacks us with feelings of shame, condemnation, and depression; we must open our mouths and declare the Word.
4. Our faith in Christ brings us into God's family; He's faithful to us and will never leave us. When we miss the mark and fall short, God still offers us mercy and forgiveness; this is a guarantee.

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