

The Accuser of the Brethren (Part 2)

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Scripture References:

- Revelation 12:10
- Hebrews 12:2
- James 4:7
- John 8:44
- Numbers 23:19
- Titus 1:2
- Hebrews 6:18
- Ezekiel 28:15, 17, 18
- 1 Peter 5:8
- 2 Timothy 3:12
- Proverbs 4:20, 27
- Matthew 16:19
- Luke 10:19
- John 14:30
- Job 1:9, 10

Summary:

Satan, who has been cast out of heaven, works hard to accuse us of all our past sins. His agenda is to use fear against believers and cause us to doubt our salvation; he wants us to forget about God's love and faithfulness. The spiritual battle we're in is a fight over whether we focus on the devil and his lies and accusations, or on God and the truth of our permanent redemption. Focusing on God and His love for us strengthens us and keeps us battle-ready.

Notes:

1. The devil tries his best to throw fear into us and convince us our salvation isn't real. The enemy tells us to look at our sins; by contrast, *God* tells us to look at Jesus.
2. Satan's pride was his downfall and caused him to be cast down from heaven; any time he wants to talk about our past, we can remind him of his future.
3. We can absolutely count on enemy attacks, but Jesus has equipped us to win our battles. Jesus has given us everything we need to defeat the enemy; we have the authority in this fight.
4. Satan stood before God to accuse Job of having an insincere love for Him; however, Job's relationship with God went deeper than material things, and Satan's claims were later proved wrong.

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