

FORWARD TO FREEDOM SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Accusation

HELL'S DOUBLE PUNCH

① Temptation + ② Accusation

- ▶ Revelation 12:10 – Satan the ACCUSER of Christians... working day & night
- ▶ Job 1:6-11 – Satan accusing Job before God

① HEAVEN'S TRIBUNAL (Zechariah 3:1-2)

A. Satan's Accusations → Guilt & shame that leads to death

- Judge: God
- Accuser/Prosecuting Attorney: Satan
- Accused: Us
- Advocate/Defense Attorney: Jesus
Christ

▶ Romans 8:1; 31-35, 37-39; 1 John 2:1

B. The Holy Spirit's Conviction → Repentance without regret, leading to life

▶ John 16:8; 2 Corinthians 7:8-10

▶ Illustrations: (a) Judas Iscariot & (b) Simon Peter (cf. Luke 22:31)

C. The Continuing Work of Christ

▶ Romans 8:26; Hebrews 7:25; 1 John 2:1

② NEW, MAGNIFICENT CLOTHING (Zechariah 3:3-5)

▶ 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 John 1:9

③ THE LORD ADMONISHES US TO... (Zechariah 3:6-10)

A. Walk in His ways B. Per-form His service

PRINCIPLE: Our spiritual freedom is conditional.

④ ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

A. Sin that leads to death (1 John 5:16-17)

B. How can I be certain I am God's child?
(John 3:16-18, 5:11-15; Romans 10:9-10, 13)

SOLEMN DECLARATION (Worship Program Insert)

Today I call upon the name of the Lord for my salvation. I believe in my heart that God the Father raised Jesus from the dead in order that I might have eternal life. I now declare Jesus Christ to be the Lord of my life. I renounce any effort on my part to save myself and I renounce all the accusations of Satan that would rob me of my full assurance of salvation. I have been transferred out of the kingdom of darkness and into the kingdom of His beloved Son. I declare myself to be a child of God because of the finished work of Christ forever.

Signature _____

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Questions are based on the NIV translation of the Bible

PRAYER

Begin your time together by thanking God that although Satan accuses us day and night before God, he cannot change the fact that if we believe in Jesus, our salvation is secure.

MY STORY

1. Have you ever been falsely accused? How did it make you feel, and how did you handle it?

DIGGING DEEPER

2. What from Sunday's sermon gave you greater insight into Satan's role of accusing believers?
3. Explain Satan's "double punch" of temptation and accusation. Why can it be so discouraging to Christians, and how can they avoid becoming its victims?
4. **Read Revelation 12:10.** What are some of the possible reasons why Satan accuses us before God?
5. In the court of heaven, who holds the following positions:
Judge _____
Prosecutor _____
The Accused _____
The Defense Attorney _____

For the true Christian, what is the outcome of each case based on Romans 8:1, 31-35?

DIGGING EVEN DEEPER

6. Even though Satan is not the judge, how is it that so many Christians around the world are suffering unnecessarily because of Satan's accusations against them? How could each of the following verses be helpful to them?

1 John 1:9

Hebrews 7:25

Romans 8:6

1 John 2:1-2

2 Corinthians 5:21

7. How does Zechariah 3:6-10 teach us that our spiritual freedom is conditional?

TAKING IT HOME

8. Explain the following statement, "Do not believe anything that Satan says about you, but instead believe everything that God says about you." What does God say about Christians in the following verses?

John 1:12

Romans 8:37-39

1 John 5:11-13

9. What will be your course of action when the powers of hell seek to accuse you in the future? What Scripture will you use to combat the accusation?

PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray for the needs of your group, and thank God for the assurance of salvation for the believer, and for the fact that nothing can separate us from God's love because we are clothed with Christ's righteousness.