# (Not) Embracing Accusations

In your life, have you done things that were wrong?

How do you feel now about yourself for sinning against or offending others?

All of us have sinned. The Bible tells us that the wages, the debt that each of us has earned for our sins is death (Romans 6:23). We deserve to die for the sins that we have committed. We also deserve eternal separation from God.

## Our Accuser

We know that we have a very formidable enemy – Satan. Jesus told us that Satan comes to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10). He also comes to accuse you.

In Revelation 12:10, Jesus uses His power and authority against the "accuser of our brethren," the devil, who He throws into the Lake of Fire. This verse continues by telling us that Satan accuses us "before our God, day and night."

Understand that the devil is accusing you before God every single day. In Job 1:6-12, we are told the account of when Satan appeared before God to make accusation against Job. We read this as a nice story, but you need to consider that Satan is standing before God every day making accusation against all believers, including you!

Do you believe Satan is challenging God about you?

Here is an interesting tidbit about Satan. In John 8:44, Jesus described him as having "no truth in him," that he is the "father of lies."

There is no doubt that Satan would lie about each and every one of us. However, the reason that his accusations carry so much weight is because they are true. The things that he is saying to the Father are things that we have done, actions we have taken, thoughts we have had, and words we have said. He does not need to lie about us at all.

Are there accusations that Satan can make before God about you?

Would you agree that his accusations are true?

## Conviction vs. Accusation

There is no denying that we have done things that are sinful. Satan has plenty of ammunition to use in accusing us before the Father.

It is also true that God wants us to recognize our sins. He wants us to acknowledge that we have been disobedient to Him. What do you think He wants us to do once He has brought our sins to light?

Repentance is the ultimate goal of God. He wants us to acknowledge that we have sinned and for us to then turn away from those sins. For our hearts to change.


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This may leave you a little confused. God wants you to recognize your sin. Satan wants you to recognize your sin. So, what's the difference? There is a huge difference!

God wants you to recognize your sin to turn away from them. This is true repentance. Satan wants you to recognize your sin, hoping you will always believe that this is all you ever will be – a sinner.

This is the difference between conviction and accusation. God wants you to feel convicted of the things you have done wrong and to turn away from them. Satan wants to continually accuse you, making you believe that you are nothing more than a drug addict, adulterer, thief, bully, liar, and every other thing that you have been.

What are accusations that Satan is making against you? What does he want you to always believe about yourself?

## The Full Salvation Story

Remember that Satan is the father of lies. Also keep in mind that he is very crafty. He does not need to use a blatant lie with you. Instead, he uses a lot of half-truths to lead you astray. This is how he tricked Eve into eating the fruit (Genesis 3:1-10).

The same is true in your life. Satan is telling you a whole lot of half-truths. This starts with the truth that you are condemned because you have transgressed God's laws. The truth is that you were destined for eternal separation from God because you had earned the wages for sin – death. That portion of the accusation is true.

However, that is not the full story. What Satan leaves out is that the debt for your sins has been completely paid. Jesus died on the cross so that your sins were completely forgiven. You no longer need to embrace the accusations made by Satan.

Do you know that your debt to sin has been paid?

If so, do the accusations of Satan have any real merit?

Why do we embrace these accusations, knowing that they are not true?

The reason Satan is so successful with his accusations is because we choose to embrace them. Keep in mind that he is not just making these accusations before God. He is trying to convince you of them as well. He is telling you that you are always going to be watching pornography, sleeping with women, lying, using drugs, and hurting others.

Has Satan convinced you to embrace these kinds of accusations? If so, what is he saying about you?

How do you no longer embrace them, recognizing your freedom in God?

One powerful tool to use is confession. James 5:16 tells us to confess our sins to one another and to pray for each other. Revealing your sins, removing them from the dark, defeats the power of Satan. This gives you support to help you to stop embracing these accusations. Do you have people who can help you to refute these accusations?


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