

The Accused

Made Worthy

Zechariah 3

I. THE ACCUSED REVEALED V.1

Zechariah 3:1 (NIV) Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him.

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Revelation 12:10 (NIV) Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.

II. THE ACCUSER REBUKED V.2A

Zechariah 3:2 (NIV) The Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, Satan! The Lord, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! "

Jude 1:9 (NIV) But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

II. THE ACCUSER REBUKED V.2A

Matthew 4:10 (NIV) Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

"Begone, Satan!" – Barclay's Daily Study Bible (NT)

Matthew 16:23 (NIV) Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

"Begone behind me!" that is to say, *"Become my follower again."* – Barclay's Daily Study Bible (NT)

II. THE ACCUSER REBUKED V.2A

Psalms 27:1-14 (NIV) ¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation-- whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life-- of whom shall I be afraid? ² When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. ³ Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.

II. THE ACCUSER REBUKED V.2A

1 Peter 5:8-9 (NIV) ⁸ Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

James 4:7 (NIV) Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

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Ephesians 6:10-18 (NIV) ¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

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¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

III. THE ACCUSED RESCUED V. 2B

Zechariah 3:2 (NIV) "... Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?"

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Malachi 4:1 (NIV) "Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire," says the Lord Almighty. "Not a root or a branch will be left to them."

III. THE ACCUSED RESCUED V. 2B

Hebrews 10:26-27 (NIV) ²⁶ If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, ²⁷ but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.

III. THE ACCUSED RESCUED V. 2B

Isaiah 64:6 (NIV) All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

III. THE ACCUSED RESCUED V. 2B

Romans 3:10 (NIV) As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one;

Romans 3:23 (NIV) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Galatians 3:22 (NIV) But the Scripture declares that the whole world is a prisoner of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe.

III. THE ACCUSED RESCUED V. 2B

Romans 5:12 (NIV) Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned--

Psalms 58:3 (NIV) Even from birth the wicked go astray; from the womb they are wayward and speak lies.

III. THE ACCUSED RESCUED V. 2B

Colossians 1:13-14 (NIV) ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

IV. THE ACCUSED RESTORED VS. 3-5

Zechariah 3:3-5 (NIV) ³ Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel.

⁴ The angel said to those who were standing before him, "Take off his filthy clothes." Then he said to Joshua, "See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put rich garments on you."

⁵ Then I said, "Put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him, while the angel of the Lord stood by.

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1 Corinthians 6:11 (NIV) And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

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