

The Blood – An Overcoming Force

Revelation 12:10

- The accuser of our brethren is Satan.
 - o The Greek word that is translated accuser here actually refers to a prosecuting attorney.
 - o Satan is our prosecuting attorney bringing constant accusations of sin and wrongdoing against us before God the Judge in the courtroom of heaven.
- This is actually Satan's only weapon against us.
 - o 1 John 3:21 lets us know that our confidence or faith is directly related to whether or not our heart is condemning us.
 - o So, condemnation and guilt over sin or mistakes will hinder our faith and ability to believe God.
 - If we believe God is not pleased with us, then we won't believe for Him to use us or do anything for us.
 - o So Satan's accusations are designed to make you feel condemned so that your faith will be hindered because he knows without faith, he has you.
 - o Remember Luke 22:31-32 Jesus tells Peter Satan wants to have him, but he prayed for him that his faith wouldn't fail. So, if our faith fails, we become easy prey for the enemy.

Revelation 12:11

- They overcame him.
 - o So Satan, the accuser or prosecuting attorney is someone you will have to overcome.
- But in what sense?
 - o Because in most cases you overcome a prosecuting attorney by proving your innocence to the Judge.
 - o But in the courtroom of heaven the Judge already believes you're innocent because He has put your penalty for sin on Jesus.
 - o You have to overcome him in the courtroom of your mind where your heart is the judge.

1 John 3:20-21 (amplified) Whenever our hearts in [^atormenting] self-accusation make us feel guilty *and* condemn us. [For ^bwe are in God's hands.] For He is above *and* greater than our consciences (our hearts), and He knows (perceives and understands) everything [nothing is hidden from Him].²¹ And, beloved, if our consciences (our hearts) do not accuse us [if they do not make us feel guilty and condemn us], we have confidence (complete assurance and boldness) before God,

- Our heart is what brings condemnation on us, not God.

- Your heart will act like a judge in your life and either deem you guilty or not guilty.

So as the prosecuting attorney, Satan, stands up and pleads his case against us you have to understand that God is not moved by anything He says.

- Romans 8:33 who can bring a charge of wrongdoing and bring guilt and punishment on one of God's children when God who is their judge has already justified them through Jesus Christ.
 - Col 2:13-15 ISV ¹³ Even when you were dead because of your offenses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God^[a] made you alive with him when he forgave us all of our offenses, ¹⁴having erased the charges that were brought against us, along with their obligations that were hostile to us. He took those charges away when he nailed them to the cross. ¹⁵ And when he had disarmed the rulers and the authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in the cross.^[b]
 - When Jesus went to the cross, he paid the penalty for all the charges that were against us because of our sin.
 - Therefore, the charges sin brought against us have been dropped.
 - When the charges were dropped, that disarmed the rulers and authorities (Satan and his demons).
 - It disarmed them in the fact that it took away their ability to bring any accusations against us in the courtroom of heaven. Nothing Satan can bring up against you can stick when it comes to God our judge.
- Romans 8:34 Not to mention that the one that died for our sin is seated at the right hand of the judge which is a constant reminder to the judge that the penalty has been paid.
- Then 1 John 2:1 says Jesus, the one who died for us and paid our penalty, is also our advocate.
 - The Greek word for advocate is perikletos which also means defense attorney.
 - So, folks' victory is locked up in the court room of heaven because when the prosecuting attorney, Satan, stands up and accuses us before the Judge our defense attorney, Jesus, stands up and simply says, "I object your Honor (winks and says dad) I paid for that."

So, you have to overcome Satan, the accuser, our prosecuting attorney in the courtroom of your mind.

- So, everything is pretty much sealed up and done in the courtroom of heaven.
- But the courtroom of your mind is a tougher place to defeat the prosecuting attorney because the judge which is your heart is harder on you than God.
- So, in the courtroom of your mind to help convince the judge (your heart) evidence is presented and the evidence is the blood of Jesus!

- Understand that the blood of Jesus is a reminder to you that one, the penalty for sin that broke a blood covenant is paid for, and two, you are in a blood covenant with God the Father which means He is not going to use you and bless you based on your works. It's going to be based on the blood.
 - o The blood is not a reminder for God. It's a reminder for you.
 - o God doesn't need the blood of the covenant to hold Him to His promises. Love is holding Him to His promises.
 - o He gave us the blood covenant to express how much He loved us and how serious He was about blessing us.
 - o The blood is a reminder for us. It's something we can rely on and put our faith in that will anchor our soul.
- So, in the courtroom of your mind when your heart wants to side with the prosecution (Satan), your defense attorney will stand up on the inside of you and present the evidence of the blood and remind your heart that it's the blood that has paid for all your sin.
- Therefore, we overcome him by the blood of the Lamb!!!

Who are you agreeing with?

- What if God agreed with Satan about you in the courtroom of heaven?
- He would then have to deny his word to us and to Jesus and break his promises and therefore He would cease to be God. If he ceases to be God, the source of all things, then we would all cease to be.
- So, if God is not agreeing with Satan in His courtroom, then why are you agreeing with Satan in the courtroom of your mind and condemning yourself?
- You have to agree with God, your defense attorney and the evidence of the blood that's been presented.

1 John 3:22

- At face value it sounds like this verse is saying that God answers our prayers based on what we do and how holy we live.
- But that's not what it's saying. God answers us because of faith and confidence in His word.
- But remember that condemnation hinders our faith. So, if we disobey God and sin then that will give Satan something to accuse us of. Then that accusation is going to bring condemnation and that condemnation is going to hinder our confidence in God and the lack of confidence or faith is what's going to cause God not to answer our prayers.
 - o So, this is really about faith, not works of righteousness earning us God's favor.
- So therefore, we need to endeavor to live holy and obey God. But if we fail, remember what we read in 1 John 2:1, we have a defense attorney named Jesus who has shed His blood for our sins.

- You are not going to overcome the accuser, Satan, our prosecuting attorney by never messing up and giving him no reason to accuse you and bring condemnation on you from your heart.
- You're going to have to overcome him by the blood because your obedience may not be constant but what the blood has accomplished is.