

Arresting Accusation – Part Two

How Accusation Works

- Accusation has a voice
- 1) Hard, brutal, malicious (bullying, public slander, political rhetoric, unrestrained sarcasm)
- 2) Subtle, implying, cunning (implied concern, questioning friendship, character or alliances)
- Accusation can appear clothed in false righteousness
- Proverbs 12:18:
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 - Makes appeal to the flesh—to draw out a fleshly response
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- How accusation becomes embodied—John 8:1-11

How satan operates as adversary/accuser

- **John 10:10**
 - When we see the accuser at work—it is in order to steal (relationship, trust, peace)
 - When we see the accuser at work—it is in order to kill (true design, identity, fruit)
 - When we see the accuser at work—it is in order to destroy (marriages, homes, congregations, cities, nations)
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- **Satan accuses God to us—(Eve, Job 1:9-10)**
 - Scripture calls us to magnify the Lord. Putting
God to the test—in the midst of a trial—causes us to question who He says He is—
Exodus 17:7: Are You with us or not? Are you a provider or not? Are you a Healer
or not?
- **Satan accuses us before God—(Joshua the High Priest).** Whenever we are dominated with condemning/accusatory thoughts—don't try to overcome by defensiveness. We have an advocate in heaven. We are guilty—but debt has been paid (satan has access to God)
- **Satan accuses us before men—**Are we cooperating with the word and will of the evil one? (Due to pain, anger, bitterness, criticism)
- I Peter 1:22,2:1 Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart...therefore, putting aside all malice and all guile and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.....
- **Satan accuses us in mind/heart—**often due to our failure to forgive others, forgive ourselves or be forgiven