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## Satan, the Accuser of Mankind—P3

**“He [God] puts no trust even in His servants; and against His angels He charges error” (Job 4:18).**

Satan likely inspires all sin upon the earth to “justify” his sin before God, thinking to demonstrate God’s folly in bequeathing the coming world to mankind (instead of angels) when he can so easily incite them to wickedness.

Satan (lit. the “Accuser” or “Adversary”) “proved” this by tempting Adam and Eve to sin, then accusing them to God. Perhaps he thought in God’s holiness He would destroy man, breaking His Word. But as God’s Word remains unshaken, satan continues his “proofs,” inciting man to commit terrible sins. In all this, satan proves he does not care about anyone but himself, and he is without thought as to who he hurts in the process, thus Jesus says “*he was a murderer from the beginning*” (John 8:44b) and a thief, for “*the thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy*” (John 10:10a). He “*prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour*” (1 Peter 5:8b). Satan is intent on condemning the world to death if he thinks he can “justify” himself by it, even if it is only in his own heart.

But Jesus pointed out satan’s folly in thinking he could make himself look righteous by causing others to sin, for “*it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes!*” (Matt. 18:7b). Man’s sin is condemned before a holy God, but the one who incites the sin also bears guilt.

Satan especially targets Believers with persecutions and temptations, and he vehemently “*accuses them day and night before our God*” (Rev. 12:10b), for by their obedience to the Word of God they witness against him. As soon as God pointed out faithful Job, satan immediately set out to tempt him to sin, so that he

could accuse Job to God. He also inspired “*Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel*” (Rev. 2:14b), that they would sin and bring God’s destruction upon themselves. Just as Zachariah was shown Joshua the High Priest in filthy garments with “*Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him*” (Zach. 3:1b). Satan tempts and persecutes the righteous because they witness against his unrighteous behavior. Like “*Cain, who was of the evil one and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brother’s were righteous*” (1 John 3:12). In Cain’s mind, he was unjustified in God’s eyes because Abel WAS justified. Rather than seek true acceptance from God, Cain thought removing Abel from the running would make his evil deeds more acceptable to God—what choice would He have? Just as Cain attacked Abel, satan attacks those who seek the good of God—“*those who render me evil for good accuse me because I follow after good*” (Psalm 38:20).

But Jesus warned people who, like satan, persecute and tempt Believers, for “*whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea*” (Matt. 18:6), for “*he who justifies the wicked and he who condemns the righteous are both alike an abomination to the Lord*” (Prov. 17:15).

Satan will never be justified before God for what he has done. Despite his mighty works to try and justify himself (condemning mankind by their sins, accusing them before God, and trying to rob them of God’s Word for them), Jesus disarmed all his works at the cross and the open tomb for anyone who accepts Him as their Lord and Savior. “*The devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil*” (1 John 3:8b). And He will! Amen.

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