

There once was an out of work actor named Daniel. He was so down and out that he's ready to accept any acting part that came along. One day he saw an advertisement in the paper: ACTOR NEEDED TO PLAY A GORILLA. "I could do that," Daniel thought.

Daniel arranged an interview. The employer turned out to be the local zoo. The zoo had spent too much money renovating the grounds and improving the habitat that they can't afford the gorilla. So, until they can get more funding, they've decided to use an actor in a gorilla suit. Needing the money, Daniel took the job.

At first, he felt not only dishonest by fooling the customers but also undignified in the ape suit. But after a few days on the job, he begins to be amused by all the attention and started to put on a show for the spectators—hanging upside-down from the branches, swinging on vines, climbing up cage walls and roaring beating his chest. Soon, Daniel is drawing a sizable crowd.

One day, when Daniel was swinging on a vine to show off to some children, his hand slips and he goes flying over the wall into the lion's den. He panicked. There was a huge lion not twenty feet away, and it looked very hungry. So the man in the gorilla suit started jumping up and down, screaming and yelling, "Help, help! Get me out of here! I'm not really a gorilla! I'm a man in a gorilla suit! Heeellp!"

The lion quickly pounced on the man, held him down and said, "Will you SHUT UP! You're going to get both of us fired!!!"

There is a Difference between what is Real and what is Perceived.

HOW TO HANDLE THE ACCUSER

Revelation 12:10



Many Sermons Have Been Preached Focusing on v11

Power of the...

- Blood (*His*)
- Testimony (*Mine*)
- Commitment (*Mine*)

Let's Dig a Little Deeper and Focus on v10

Revelation 12:10-11 (KJV)¹⁰ *And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the **accuser of our brethren** is cast down, which **accused them before our God day and night.***

¹¹ *And they overcame him by the **blood of the Lamb**, and by the **word of their testimony**; and they loved not their lives unto the **death.***

The Accuser

Satan Will Use Any Avenue to

- **Discourage**
- **Detour**
- **Disrupt**

...God Purpose and Power in Our Lives

But One of His Greatest Tools is Accusation



Fighting the Accuser

The Reason So Many Christians Hang On to the Guilt of Their Sin Even Though They Know About God's Total Forgive-ness...

- **There Is Someone Who Does Not Want You To Be Free;
...His Name Is Satan.**
- **Not Only Is Satan Called the Father of Lies, but the Accuser**
- **His Purpose / Pleasure is to Make You Feel Guilty**
- **Rev 12:10 Tells Us That Satan Accuses Us Before God Day/ Night**
- **Can You Hear His Voice Accusing You?**



A freshman at Eagle Rock Junior High won 1st prize at the Idaho Falls Science Fair w- a scientific survey he conducted. He urged people to sign a petition demanding strict control or total elimination of a chemical known as "*Dihydrogen monoxide*"

Because:

- **It can cause excessive sweating and vomiting**
- **It is a major component in acid rain**
- **It can cause severe burns in its gaseous state**
- **Accidental inhalation can kill you**
- **It contributes to erosion**
- **It decreases the effectiveness of automobile brakes**
- **It has been found in tumors of terminal cancer patients.**

He asked 50 people - 43 said yes -6 were undecided

...Only One Knew that the Chemical is ...

Water (*2 molecules of Hydrogen/ 1 of oxygen*)

Satan's Desire to Manipulate Mind

1- Devil =Diablos

dia(thru-penetrate) ballo(I Throw)

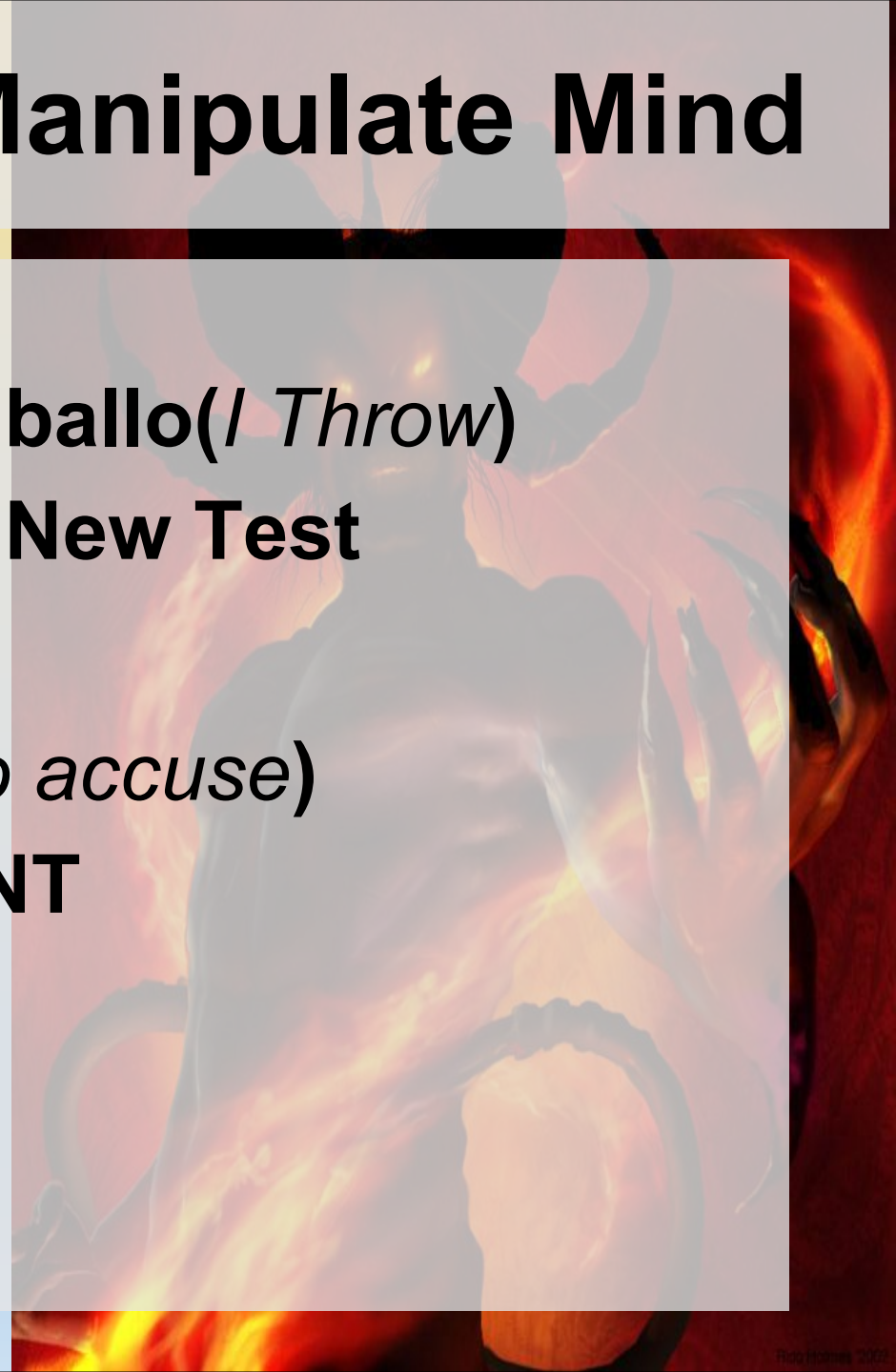
- 40 times used in New Test

2- Satan =Accuser

Shantana(to hate/ to accuse)

- 50 times in OT / NT

3- Angel of Light



Satan's Desire to Manipulate Mind

2 Corinthians 11:14 (KJV)

¹⁴ And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

Marvel not-

don't be surprised

Satan-

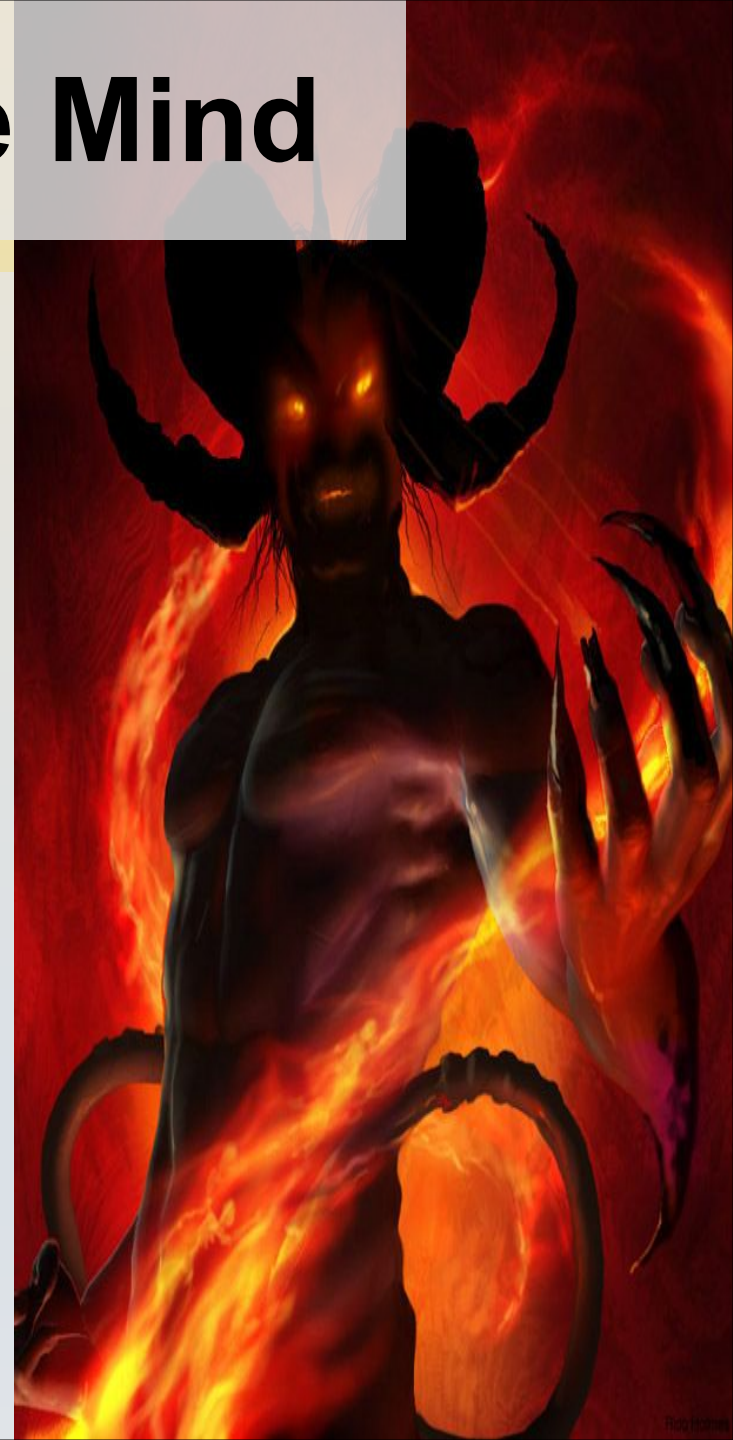
the accuser

Transformed-

transfigure or disguise

Angel of Light-

Minister of Truth



There is a Difference Between...

...What is Real

...and What is Perceived

Conditioning Process

Satan Knows Most of Us...

...Will Not Fall for an Outright Lie

So He Works a 3 Step...

...Conditioning Process

1st - Starts with Truth... -Gen 3:1

2nd - Then Truth Mixed with a Lie -Gen 3:4

Eventually...

3rd - Then Outright Lie Mixed with Truth -Gen 3:5

Step 1- Recognize the Voice

When You Have Thoughts That Bring
the Difference Between God's Conviction

- **God Convicts Us of Sin for the Sake of**

- Our enemy taunts for the purpose

- **God Wants You to Know/ Receive His**

- Satan wants you to dwell on how bad

Satan Will Discourage You With Thoughts

- *What you did was so bad*

- *You can never be a true Christian with*

God's Voice Always Offers Freedom

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" -2 Cor 3:17

SATAN IS A THIEF. HE WANTS TO ROB YOU OF ALL HOPE.

DON'T LET HIM!

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.



Conviction vs Condemnation

Conviction

- *Comes from God*
- *Shows the Fault*
- *Turns UPward (repent)*
- *Leads to Hope*

Restoration

and

Life

Condemnation

- *Comes from Satan*
- *Dwells on the Fault*
- *Turns INward (repress)*
- *Leads to No Hope*

Condemnation

and

Death

Step 2- Rememb

**Satan's Accusations Feel Powerful Because
...They Ring True.**

In Our Sinful State, We Are Not Worthy

"we all have sinned and fallen short of God's glory" -Rom 3:23

"wages of sin is death but the Gift of God is Eternal life" -Rom 6:23

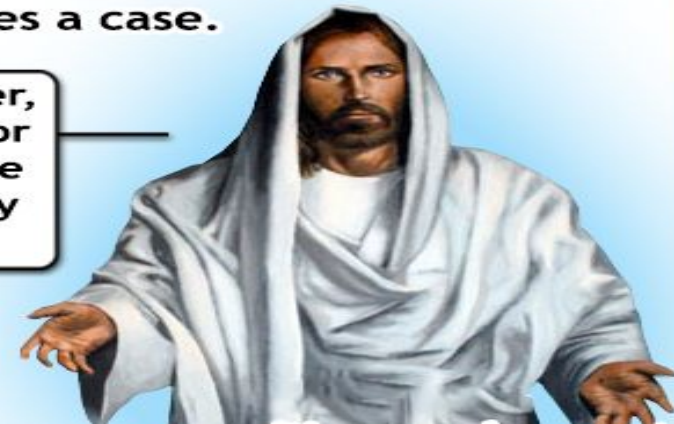
If It Were Not For Jesus' Sacrifice On the Cross, We Would Be Forever Burdened w/ the Condemnation of Sin.

Satan Wants You To Forget The Cross Forever Cancelled Sin!

"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" -Rom 5:1

Satan and your own sins may accuse you, but we have a righteous Attorney in the form of Jesus Christ who intercedes on our behalf; and He never loses a case.

Omnipotent Father, I shed my **blood** for this person. Please extend Your Mercy and forgive them.



Step 3- Declare the Truth

When You Feel the Sting of Acc

•You Pull Out the Enemy's Fier

•Refuse to Believe His Lies / De

"There is no condemnation for me

*"He will turn again, he will have c
iniquities; and thou wilt cast all th*

7:19

*"For I will be merciful to their unrig
and their sins and their iniquities*

*"As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our
transgressions from us" -Psalm 103:12*

**The next time
satan reminds
you of your past,
remind him
of his future.**

Matthew 25:41

Stop



REMEMBERING

what God

has FORGOTTEN.

PSALM 103:12