



When Jesus meets

The Spirit of Religion

7 And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war,

Revelation 12:7-12

8 and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven.

Revelation 12:7-12

9 And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Revelation 12:7-12

10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come,

Revelation 12:7-12

for the accuser of our brethren has been
thrown down, he who accuses them
before our God day and night.

Revelation 12:7-12

11 “And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.

Revelation 12:7–12

12 “For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has *only* a short time.”

Revelation 12:7–12

Satan's fall from Heaven
removed his power to accuse
us before the throne of
God. Now he has to do it
from the earth.

Relentless Hurling of
accusation is the enemy's
tactic to makes us believe we
are not actually children of
God.

When we lend our voice to his accusations, we have become Satan's partner, and have now loaned him our authority in the earth to prevent access to the Grace of God.

12 And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves.

Matthew 21:12-14

13 And He *said to them, "It is written, 'MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER'; but you are making it a ROBBERS' DEN."

Matthew 21:12-14

14 And the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them.

Matthew 21:12-14

When Jesus examines a
nation, the first place
He scrutinizes is
His own house.

He first removes
everything standing
between Him and His
children returning
home.

The Spirit of Religion
is the mother of all
obstacles to our
restoration into the
House of God.

13 “But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you shut off the kingdom of heaven from people; for you do not enter in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.

Matthew 23:13

Our ministry is to make
it **easy** for people to
find the door into the
Kingdom of Heaven.

Breaking free of the
Spirit of Religion begins
when we find compassion
for those we once held
in judgment.

6 And Jesus said to them, "Watch out and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

Matthew 16:6

The religious spirit
categorizes people into
saint and sinner, and then
makes categories of sins
that it finds repulsive.

Amazingly, their own sins
never make the list.

The sins a religious spirit
finds most repulsive are
often found in the
people who need God
the most.

Our unforgiveness,
demonstrated in our
bitterness, is the single
biggest obstacle to someone
entering into the grace and
freedom found in Christ.

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