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In this verse the Lord shows us Satan is real and is revealing what he does.

With the Lord's help we will learn to discern what we hear and think about other Christians.

Notice it says, "THE ACCUSER OF THE BRETHREN."

It does not say, "the accuser of the non-brethren."

Here are two questions:

Do you ever get negative accusing thoughts about other Christians?

Do you ever get negative accusing thoughts about people in false religions?

Very likely you can answer "yes" to the first question. Very likely you can answer "no" to the second question.

Now go back about 1600 years prior to the writing of the book of Revelation to the book of Job.

The devil has been accusing believers for centuries.

In Job 1:8 it says,

"FOR THERE IS NO ONE LIKE HIM ON THE EARTH, A BLAMELESS AND UPRIGHT MAN, FEARING GOD AND TURNING AWAY FROM EVIL."

In this verse the Lord describes Job as follows:

BLAMELESS

UPRIGHT

FEARING GOD

TURNING AWAY FROM EVIL

In verses 9 and 10 Satan sows seeds of doubts about what the Lord said.

In Job 1:11 it says,
"..HE WILL SURELY CURSE THEE TO THY FACE."

These words are an accusation.

Doubts about other Christians are a manifestation of an accusation.

Doubting what God's word says leads to denial of what God's word says.

The Lord praised Job for his uprightness of heart.

The Lord said good things about Job.

The Lord commended Job.

The devil was uncharitable in speaking about Job.

The devil did not say anything good about Job.

The devil criticized Job.

The devil spoke about Job.

The devil did not speak to Job.

Do we speak about people or speak to people?

Do we commend, then we are speaking like the Lord.

Do we criticize, then we are speaking like the devil.

When we speak about other Christians, do we commend, or criticize?

If we cannot say anything good about someone, it is safer to say nothing.

In 1 Timothy 5:19 it says,

"DO NOT RECEIVE AN ACCUSATION AGAINST AN ELDER EXCEPT ON THE BASIS OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES."

In James 4:11 it says,

"DO NOT SPEAK AGAINST ONE ANOTHER."

In James 5:9 it says,

"DO NOT GRUMBLE AGAINST EACH OTHER."

LET'S PRAY: