**Guilt Stripped**

**Zechariah 3:1-10**

**Zechariah 3:1 (ESV)**

Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him.

**Zechariah 3:2 (ESV)**

And the Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, O Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?"

**Zechariah 3:3 (ESV)**

Now Joshua was standing before the Angel, clothed with filthy garments.

**Zechariah 3:4 (ESV)**

And the Angel said to those who were standing before Him, "Remove the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, "Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments."

**Zechariah 3:5 (ESV)**

And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments. And the Angel of the Lord was standing by.

**Zechariah 3:6 (ESV)**

And the Angel of the Lord solemnly assured Joshua,

**Zechariah 3:7 (ESV)**

"Thus says the Lord of hosts: If you will walk in My ways and keep My charge, then you

shall rule My house and have charge of My courts, and I will give you the right of access among those who are standing here.

**Zechariah 3:8 (ESV)**

Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you and your friends who sit before you, for they are men who are a sign: behold, I will bring My servant the Branch.

**Zechariah 3:9 (ESV)**

For behold, on the stone that I have set before Joshua, on a single stone with seven eyes, I will engrave its inscription, declares the Lord of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of this land in a single day.

**Zechariah 3:10 (ESV)**

In that day, declares the Lord of hosts, every one of you will invite his neighbor to come under his vine and under his fig tree."

*When it comes to your guilt, Satan will always deceive you, and God will always tell you the truth.*

1. ***Satan wants you to feel hopeless when you are guilty.***

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Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him.

**Revelation 12:10 (ESV)**

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

1. ***God wants you to feel sorrowful when you are guilty.***

**Zechariah 3:2 (ESV)**

And the Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, O Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?"

**2 Corinthians 7:10 (ESV)**

For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

1. ***Satan wants you to feel innocent when you are guilty.***

**Zechariah 3:3 (ESV)**

Now Joshua was standing before the Angel, clothed with filthy garments.

**1 John 1:8 (ESV)**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**1 John 1:10 (ESV)**

If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

1. ***God wants you to feel guilty when you are guilty.***

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If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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