

The Weapons of Our Warfare Part 4

THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD – THE BLOOD SPEAKS

The Enemy's Primary Tactic (Rev 12:10-11)

ACCUSER by name & ACCUSER by nature

Now we have a mighty weapon at our disposal: Whatever the throws at us, we REFUTE with the BLOOD.

The handout describes the Enemy as 'accuser by name & accuser by nature.' Where do you most often feel accusation trying to take root in your life? How do you normally respond when accusations rise – do you internalise them, ignore them, fight them or something else? According to Rev 12:11, what are the two weapons believers use to overcome the Accuser? How do those practically work in daily life?

Three Main Areas of Accusation

1. SHAME
2. IDENTITY
3. FEAR

How do they RISE ABOVE 'natural doubts' into becoming 'Fiery Darts?'

1. SHAME: We all MESS up from time to time & REGRET our mistakes ... But there's a difference between that & an accusing, goading, belittling CONDEMNATION.

How does the Enemy DEPLOY SHAME?

- a) Weaponises past sin
- b) Turns conviction into condemnation
- c) Attaches identity to actions rather than the Cross
- d) Isolates to amplify the lie

What's the difference between healthy conviction & accusing condemnation? Can you recall a time you experienced each? Which of the Enemy's shame tactics do you relate to most (weaponising past sin, twisting conviction, attaching identity to actions, isolating)? Why? How has the blood of Jesus – *forgiveness & purity* – spoken into your story of shame? Which Scripture (Heb 9:12-14, Eph 1:7, 1 John 1:7, Rom 8:1-2, Ps 103:12, Isa 1:18) most challenges or comforts you in this area?

2. IDENTITY: Sometimes I don't live up to my own realistic EXPECTATIONS, let myself down, forget WHO I am in Christ & what that MEANS ... But, it's another thing altogether when Enemy insidiously attacks WHO you are & WHOSE you are, piling on unworthiness, inadequacy, purposelessness.

How does the Enemy UNDERMINE IDENTITY?

- a) Challenges adequacy immediately before assignment
- b) Builds counterfeit identities
- c) Uses comparison to erode confidence
- d) Magnifies weakness instead of grace

Where do you personally feel the Enemy tries to undermine your identity in Christ?

Which tactic feels most familiar to you (attacking adequacy before assignment, counterfeit identities, comparison, magnifying weakness)?

How does knowing you 'belong' through Christ's blood reshape your sense of identity?

What verse from the handout (Col 1:19-22, Eph 2:13, Gal 4:6-7, Heb 8:10) would you want to memorise or pray when your identity is under attack?

3. FEAR: There are things we look at & think: 'Yes, I'm a little WARY of that ... I need to be CAREFUL around that ... I think I ought to BACK AWAY' ... It's a different thing altogether when the Enemy starts to PILE it on & before you know it, it's been MAGNIFIED out of proportion & that fear is MANIPULATING & CONTROLLING you.

How does Enemy EXPLOIT FEAR?

- a) Projects worst-case scenarios
- b) Impersonates the voice of wisdom
- c) Exaggerates threats & minimises God's faithfulness
- d) Directs fear to break trust

What's the difference between natural caution & fear that manipulates or controls?

Which exploitation of fear have you experienced (worst-case thinking, false 'wisdom', exaggerated threats, distrust)?

How does the truth that the blood speaks resurrection power affect the way you face fear?

Which of the fear-related Scriptures (Heb 2:14-15; Heb 10:19-20; Rom 8:11, 15, 38) strengthens your confidence in the Lord?

The Blood SPEAKS (Heb 12:24, Gen 4:9-11)

When evil forces approach, all they can SEE is the BLOOD

... THEY know it; the question is, DO YOU?

1. When SHAME comes calling, remind the Enemy & indeed yourself:
'The Blood speaks FORGIVENESS & PURITY'
(Heb 9:12-14, Eph 1:7, 1 John 1:7, Rom 8:1-2, Ps 103:12, Isa 1:18).
2. When he attacks your IDENTITY, 'The Blood speaks of BELONGING'
(Col 1:19-22, Eph 2:13, Gal 4:6-7, Heb 8:10).
3. When FEAR rears its ugly head, 'The Blood speaks of RESURRECTION
POWER' (Heb 2:14-15, 10:19-20, Rom 8:11,15,38).

So, I refute & reject your lies & accusations, Mr Devil, in the name of Jesus,
according to the Word of truth, with a secure covering of Redeemer's blood

What does it look like to consciously 'refute with the blood' in everyday
moments of accusation?

How would your reactions change this week if you believed the Enemy truly
is 'disarmed, exposed and denied access'?

Is there a specific accusation – shame, identity or fear – you need to confront
with the blood of Jesus right now? How can the group support you in prayer?