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Job 1:6, "Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them.

Job 1:7, "The Lord said to Satan, 'From where do you come?' Then Satan answered the Lord and said, 'From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it.' " Job 1:8, "The Lord said to Satan, 'Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil.'

Job 1:9, "Then Satan answered the Lord, 'Does Job fear God for nothing?' " Job 1:10, "Have You not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.

Job 1:11, "But put forth Your hand now and touch all that he has; he will surely curse You to Your face." Zech. 3:1, "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. Zech. 3:2, "The Lord said to Satan, 'The Lord rebuke you, Satan! Indeed, the Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?' "

Zech. 3:3, "Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments and standing before the angel.

Zech. 3:4, "He spoke and said to those who were standing before him, saying, 'Remove the filthy garments from him.' Again he said to him, 'See, I have taken your iniquity away from you and will clothe you with festal robes.' " <u>Rev. 12:9</u>, "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.

<u>Rev. 12:10</u>, "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, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night.' " 3. Jesus Christ is retained as the believer's defense attorney in the court of heaven and He defends every case.

4. The basis for our Lord's defense is the fact that all our sins were judged at the cross in Him by God the Father, 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet. 2:24; Ps. 22:1–6; 1 Pet. 3:18.

5. Under the law of double jeopardy, those sins cannot be judged again, Rom. 6:10. Therefore, the believer is defended in heaven from Satan. 6. Hence, every case is thrown out of court by God the Father, Zech. 3:1–2.

7. The sins of the believer then become not a court matter, but a family matter for the imputation of divine discipline, Heb. 12:6. <u>Hebrews 12:6</u>, "For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives." 8. Two Persons of the Trinity are recognized as advocates: the Son and the Spirit.

As a legal representative in the court of heaven, Christ now functions as the believer's advocate, based on His righteousness and impeccability, 1 John 2:1.

