

FALSE ACCUSATIONS

Daniel 3:8 (An example)

Men of Chaldean descent (astrologers) came to the King to bring malicious accusations against the Jews. The word “denounced” (used in some translations) means “to tear in pieces” thus intending to destroy the accused.

God brought vindication: Daniel 6:4

John 18:29: Jesus: our example

Brought by the public

Pilate asks the crowd about accusations against Jesus.

They were false but God allowed it to fulfill His overall plan for man.

Love was not stopped!

1 Peter 3:16:

Keep your conscience clear

We may not be able to keep others from falsely accusing or slandering us but we should be sure we have a clear conscience and are doing what is right so we are not supplying them with ammunition.

Proverbs 17:15

Those who justify the wicked or condemn the righteous are an abomination (exceedingly disgusting to the Lord)

1 Peter 2:12

Christians are to abstain from sinful desires not only for their own spiritual well-being but also to maintain an effective testimony before unbelievers.

Gracious and upright behavior on the part of Christians could show some accusations to be false and perhaps even win some critics to the Lord.

1 Peter 4:4

When we come to Christ, there may possibly be some acquaintances that become persecutors. Our lives incriminate their sinful activities.

1 Kings 18:17-18 (An example)

Ahab tries to accuse Elijah as being the one to trouble Israel. Elijah comes back speaking the truth boldly. But while rebuking the sins, Elijah paid due respect for the position of authority. He urges the king to convene a public assembly, in whose presence it could be decided who the real troublemakers were.

Matthew 5:10-12 Luke 6:22,23;26

Jesus declares “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake for your reward is great in heaven.

Luke 6:26: Popularity is no guarantee of truth and human flattery does not bring God’s approval. If we chase after people’s praise rather than God’s truth, we’re in trouble.

3 John 9,10

Paul addresses how he plan to handle one in the church (Diotrephes) who wanted to control the church, did not acknowledge Paul's authority or take his counsel.

Luke 3:14

John instructs the soldiers: one of the points he mentions is to neither accuse any falsely

John 7:24 (Jesus speaking)

Judge not (accuse) according to the appearance

1 Corinthians 6:9

Unrighteous and wrongdoers will not inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God. (revilers)

Titus 3:1,2

Being good citizens: one mentioned is to slander no one. We are to be peaceable and considerate

1 Peter 2:1

We are to be done with all trace of wickedness including hurtful talk

Ephesians 4:31

Get rid of all backbiting, profane talk