

## Slander

Speaking evil (lying) against God  
and man

## Introduction

- Slander is one of the devil's oldest and most effective weapons used to destroy others by destroying their reputations, their character
- In the beginning, he used slander against God to deceive Eve to eat the forbidden fruit
- Today character assassination is commonly used in politics, social media, schools, families and unfortunately, the church

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## Introduction

- Slander is commonly believed by people more than the truth
- Generally speaking, slander is speaking evil (lying, defaming) against God and men
- We also will notice distinctions between slander and the need for us to speak out against evil
- Christians should avoid slander and use our speech for good not evil

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## Slander Is Not Speaking Out Against Evil

Eph 5:7 Therefore do not be partakers with them;

Eph 5:8 for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light

Eph 5:9 (for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth),

Eph 5:10 trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

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Eph 5:11 Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them;

Eph 5:12 for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret.

Eph 5:13 But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light.

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## Slander Is Not The Church Disciplining Erring Brethren

1Co 5:1 It is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, that someone has his father's wife.

1Co 5:2 You have become arrogant and have not mourned instead, so that the one who had done this deed would be removed from your midst.

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## Slander Is Not The Church Disciplining Erring Brethren

1Co 5:3 For I, on my part, though absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged him who has so committed this, as though I were present.

1Co 5:4 In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are assembled, and I with you in spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus,

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1Co 5:5 I have decided to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

1Co 5:6 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough?

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## Slander Is Not Speaking Out Against False Teachers

1Ti 1:19 keeping faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith.

1Ti 1:20 Among these are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan, so that they will be taught not to blaspheme.

2Ti 2:16 But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness,

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## Slander Is Not Speaking Out Against False Teachers

2Ti 2:17 and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus,

2Ti 2:18 men who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they upset the faith of some.

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## What Is Slander?

- G988 blasphem̃ia, From G989; *vilification* (especially against God): - blasphemy, evil speaking, railing.
- G2635 katalaleō, From G2637; to *be a traducer*, that is, to *slander*: - speak against (evil of). Strong's Greek Dictionary
- The words are sometimes translated slander, blasphemy and speak against to name a few

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## What Is Slander?

- Therefore, slander is to speak evil (lie) against God and man
- Regarding man, it can be done either facing someone or behind their back
- Slander is not only a danger to the ones who commit it but also causes many troubles to the ones who are its victims

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## What Are The Sources of Slander?

- G1228 diabolos, From G1225; a *traducer*, specifically *Satan* (compare [H7854]): - false accuser, devil, slanderer.
- Strong's Greek Dictionary
- The devil is the original source of all slander, lying about God and man continually
- But, we, when we believe and promote slander also become sources of it

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## The Devil Original Source of All Slander

Joh 8:44 "You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

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## The Devil Original Source of All Slander

Rev 12:9 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.

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## The Devil Original Source of All Slander

Rev 12:10 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.

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Rev 12:11 "And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.

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## We Also Can Become The Sources of Slander

Mat 15:17 "Do you not understand that everything that goes into the mouth passes into the stomach, and is eliminated?

Mat 15:18 "But the things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man.

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## We Also Can Become The Sources of Slander

Mat 15:19 "For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders.

Mat 15:20 "These are the things which defile the man; but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile the man."

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## Satan Slanders God To Eve

Gen 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?"

Gen 3:2 The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;

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Gen 3:3 but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'"

Gen 3:4 The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die!

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## Satan Slanders God To Eve

Gen 3:5 "For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Gen 3:6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

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## Satan Slanders Job To God

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?"

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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."

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## Satan Slanders Job To God

Job 1:12 Then the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power, only do not put forth your hand on him." So Satan departed from the presence of the LORD.

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## Satan Slanders Job To God

Job 2:3 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. And he still holds fast his integrity, although you incited Me against him to ruin him without cause."

Job 2:4 Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life.

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Job 2:5 "However, put forth Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh; he will curse You to Your face."

Job 2:6 So the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your power, only spare his life."

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Job 2:7 Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

Job 2:8 And he took a potsherd to scrape himself while he was sitting among the ashes.

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## Jesus Slandered By His Enemies

Luk 5:19 But not finding any way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down through the tiles with his stretcher, into the middle of the crowd, in front of Jesus.

Luk 5:20 Seeing their faith, He said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven you."

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## Jesus Slandered By His Enemies

Luk 5:21 The scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this man who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?"

Luk 5:23 "Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins have been forgiven you,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'?"

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Luk 5:24 "But, so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins,"--He said to the paralytic--"I say to you, get up, and pick up your stretcher and go home."

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## Jesus Slandered By His Enemies

Joh 5:16 For this reason the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath.

Joh 5:17 But He answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working."

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Joh 5:18 For this reason therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.

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## Apostles and Early Christians Slandered

3Jn 1:9 I wrote something to the church; but Diotrephes, who loves to be first among them, does not accept what we say.

3Jn 1:10 For this reason, if I come, I will call attention to his deeds which he does, unjustly accusing us with wicked words; and not satisfied with this, he himself does not receive the brethren, either, and he forbids those who desire to do so and puts them out of the church.

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## Repent And Put Away All Slander

Act 2:38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

1Pe 2:1 Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander,

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1Pe 2:2 like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,

1Pe 2:3 if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

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Jas 4:11 Do not speak against one another, brethren. He who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge of it.

Jas 4:12 There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is able to save and to destroy; but who are you who judge your neighbor?

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Act 8:22 "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.

Jas 5:16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

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## Repent And Put Away All Slander

Eph 4:31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

Eph 4:32 Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

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### Verify Disputes By Two or Three Witnesses and Judge Righteously

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2Co 13:1 This is the third time I am coming to you. EVERY FACT IS TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE TESTIMONY OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES.

2Co 13:2 I have previously said when present the second time, and though now absent I say in advance to those who have sinned in the past and to all the rest as well, that if I come again I will not spare anyone,

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### Verify Disputes By Two or Three Witnesses and Judge Righteously

1Ti 5:19 Do not receive an accusation against an elder except on the basis of two or three witnesses.

1Ti 5:20 Those who continue in sin, rebuke in the presence of all, so that the rest also will be fearful of sinning.

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1Co 6:5 I say this to your shame. Is it so, that there is not among you one wise man who will be able to decide between his brethren,

1Co 6:6 but brother goes to law with brother, and that before unbelievers?

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### Control Our Tongues By Applying Divine Wisdom

Jas 3:1 Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment.

Jas 3:2 For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.

Jas 3:3 Now if we put the bits into the horses' mouths so that they will obey us, we direct their entire body as well.

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Jas 3:4 Look at the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, are still directed by a very small rudder wherever the inclination of the pilot desires.

Jas 3:5 So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things. See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire!

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Jas 3:6 And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell.

Jas 3:13 Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.

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Jas 3:14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth.

Jas 3:15 This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic.

Jas 3:16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.

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Jas 3:17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy.

Jas 3:18 And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

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Eph 4:15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ,

Eph 4:16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

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## Keep Doing Right Even When We Are Slandered

Pro 22:1 A good name is to be more desired than great wealth, Favor is better than silver and gold.

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## Keep Doing Right Even When We Are Slandered

1Pe 2:9 But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

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1Pe 2:10 for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.

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1Pe 2:11 Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.

1Pe 2:12 Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.

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## Keep Doing Right Even When We Are Slandered

1Pe 2:21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,

1Pe 2:22 WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH;

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1Pe 2:23 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously;

1Pe 2:24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

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1Pe 3:15 but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;

1Pe 3:16 and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame.

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1Pe 3:17 For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong.

1Pe 3:18 For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;

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