

**THE BLAME HABIT**  
Text: Genesis 3:11-13.

INTRO: One of the most basic facts of human nature is the desire to put the blame on others for our own short-comings. Let us notice what Bible says about The Blame Habit.

I. ORIGINATED IN EDEN WITH THE FIRST MAN AND WOMAN, Gen. 3:11-13.

- A. Adam blamed Eve directly, God indirectly.
- B. Eve blamed the serpent.
- C. But all three were punished for their sin.

READ GENESIS 3:14-19.

II. SOME OTHER BIBLE EXAMPLES.

- A. Aaron. READ EXODUS 32:1-6, 22-24.
- B. King Saul. 1 Sam. 15:1-3, 7-15.
- C. The one-talent man. Matt. 25:24-25.

III. SOME EVERY DAY EXAMPLES.

- A. Those in an auto accident.
- B. Students who fail in school.
- C. Those involved in church division.
- D. Those who violate the law.

IV. MANY TRY TO PUT THE BLAME ON GOD.

- A. Why did God not make it easier to do right than to sin? In other areas, such as sports, we like a challenge.

1 Cor. 10:13; 2 Peter 2:9

- B. Why didn't God make the Bible plainer so I could understand it? READ EPHESIANS 3:3-4; 5:17.

NOTE: No one expects to understand math without a thorough study. We wouldn't expect to understand history by skipping around, taking no notice of what period of time or what nations or individuals were involved. No one would expect to understand science if his mind were already closed. Most folks couldn't

even understand a letter from a friend if they read it like they read the Bible.

C. Other excuses made to avoid personal responsibility.

1. Too many hypocrites in the church.

a. Note difference between hypocrite & one who makes a mistake.

b. I do not have to answer for all those hypocrites, but I must answer for my own sins.

c. To blame others for my failure is the utmost of hypocrisy.

2. I am as good as many who are in the church.

a. We are not saved by "being good" but by being forgiven, Acts 2<sup>36-38</sup>; 8:22.

b. Many in the church will be plucked out when Christ returns, Matt. 13:41.

V. REMEDY FOR THE BLAME HABIT. Realize & accept our responsibility.

A. We have been given a choice. Deut. 30:19; Josh. 24:15; Rev. 22:17.

B. We will someday be judged according to our own decision. Our destiny is in our hands.

Rom 14:10-12, But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written: "As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, & every tongue shall confess to God." So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

Acts 17:31;

Rev. 20:12, And I saw the dead, small & great, standing before God, & books were opened. And another

book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the  
dead were judged according to their works, by the  
things which were written in the books.

Cox Springs, TX, July 2, 1967

Jonestown, TX, November 23, 1969

Springhill, LA, February 23, 1972

KBSF Radio, Springhill, LA, August 12, 1973

La Porte, TX, December 26, 1976

Exton, PA, February 28, 1988

Shiloh, Mexia, TX, October 10, 1993

Susquehanna, Marietta, PA, December 28, 2003