

It has been said that two of the easiest things for anyone to do are: 1.) Complain; and 2.) Blame. And this certainly is true. We so quickly complain about things when they do not go our way. And we often just as quickly seek to find someone or something to lay the blame on when we find ourselves in some predicament or under some accusation. “It’s not my fault,” is what we usually declare. And especially is this so when we find ourselves in some legal predicament.

In fact, it is so common for a person to seek to blame someone else or something else for his troubles, that there is a whole branch to the legal profession dealing with it. It concerns itself with pleas of extenuating circumstances, shared blame, and a person’s capacity for bearing guilt.

Defending Yourself Before God

Though human judges often hear a defendant plead, “It’s not my fault!”; no one hears this more than God Himself. This is because as soon as a person is confronted with the truth that he is a guilty sinner in God’s sight and is deserving of receiving God’s wrath, he immediately tries to defend

himself. And a common form of defense involves trying to make an excuse for one’s sin and guilt by shifting the blame to someone or something else.

For example, a person might say:

— “I didn’t know that I was sinning. No one told me. God should not hold me responsible for that.”

— “I was never taught about God’s law, so I didn’t know what I was doing.”

— “I didn’t have the advantage of being brought up in a Christian home. If I had, things would have been different.”

— “No one ever told me what The Bible said. This is the first time I’ve heard anything about it.”

In fact, sometimes a person will even go so far as to blame God Himself, or declare that it wouldn’t be right for God to judge him. He may say something like:

— “It’s not fair. I’ve done my best. And I’m not as bad as a lot of people I know.”

How About You?

You too are charged with being a guilty sinner in God’s sight. And in connection with this, God’s wrath is against you, just as Romans 1:18 says.

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; (Romans 1:18)

In view of this, are you tempted to try to defend yourself by shifting the blame away from yourself? Are you tempted to say, “It’s not my fault”?

No Excuse

As much as anyone of us would like to be able to blame someone else, or something else, for our ungodliness and sins, the truth is that we cannot do it. In fact, after God declares that we are worthy of His wrath in Romans 1:18, He goes on to show that everyone of us is “without excuse” and “inexcusable,” and that “there is no respect of persons with God” on this point. Hence we are undeniably guilty sinners in God’s sight and deserving of God’s wrath, with no one to blame but ourselves.

Redemption Provided

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