

THE BLAME GAME

When God confronted Adam and Eve regarding their sin, they both played the blame game.

§ “And the man said, ‘the woman whom You gave me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate.’” (3:12)

§ “And the woman said, ‘the serpent deceived me, and I ate.’” (3:13)

This is called by different names such as beating around the bushes, passing the buck, getting the heat off oneself, projecting blame, escape goating, and pointing fingers. But it means the same thing.

§ On the one hand, it means I am not willing to take responsibility for my actions.

§ On the other hand, it mean I have allowed cosmos diabolicus to infiltrate my core belief system.

It is interesting that everyone involved in the violation of the Edenic Law was interrogated except serpent and Satan (Job 1:6; 2:1; Rev.20: 2, 7-10).

This lesson will study FOUR aspects of the BLAME GAME in hopes that we will stop playing it.

1. Projecting blame is a psychological defense mechanism used in an attempt to avoid dealing with a real problem issue.

Some of the most common blame games are students blaming teachers, children blaming parents, workers blaming bosses, and privates blaming sergeants. The one thing that all of these illustrations have in common is that they are all part of the chain of divine delegated authorities.

§ Adam used blame to avoid dealing with his sin problem issue?

§ Eve used blame to avoid dealing with her sin issue?

By using projection of blame, they were attempting to both conceal and avoid dealing with their sin problem.

Adam pointed his finger at a superior (God, dominion over creation) and a subordinate (dominion over wife). Eve pointed her finger at a subordinate (dominion over serpent). This also reveals that both Adam and Eve have an authority problem. It also reveals that it flowed through Adam failure as delegated authority of husband to his wife, Eve.

Projecting blame was used in an attempt to distract the Lord from their sin problem. It means that the Lord was getting close to the root of the sin problem because Adam and Eve were getting more defensive, argumentative, and pointing fingers away from self.

2. Projecting blame was an attempt to avoid dealing with the sin and the root cause of the sin, which was cosmos diabolicus (evil thinking; Gen.3:4-6).

Here’s how projecting blame operates in the early stages of being caught: “If I can conceal my sin, I can postpone the consequences of my sin.

Many will quit school and leave home, quit work and join the military or leave town as part of hiding and avoiding. Adam and Eve fled rather than fess-up and face the consequences of their sin. Adam and Eve tried to conceal their sin and to avoid its consequences by fig leaves, garden trees, and finally blame. However, these will not negate the problem of sin or the consequences of the sin. “The Lord is not slow about His promise, as

some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.” (2 Pet.3:9)

Cosmos diabolicus thinking has them running from the only solution to their sin problem – what will wash away our sins? NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS! (1 John 1:7-9).

3. **When Adam and Eve finally confessed their sin, they did it in such a way so as not to look too badly in the eyes of God.**

Their argument went something like this, “I sinned but circumstances and people were the cause for it.”

Projection of blame tries to make it look like everyone else is as much to blame as the guilty one. Let me see if I can spread guilt around to find takers (wife and God). It goes like this, “If you are going to pick on me, you should pick on everyone else as well.” Officer why didn’t you arrest the other drivers that we going as fast or faster than me?

TRUTH: GOD WILL NOT LOOK BADLY UPON YOU BECAUSE OF SIN, BECAUSE HE SEES YOU ON THE CROSS WITH JESUS CHRIST.

- § “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our tresses, according to the riches of His grace.” (Eph.1:7; 1 John 1:7-9)
- § “But God demonstrated His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through Him!” (Rom.5:8-9) (Heb.13:12; 1 Pet.1:18-19)
- § They were right to assume their sinful nakedness needed covering in the presence of God.
- § They are wrong to assume that it could be covered by anything other than the blood of Christ.

4. **Their blame game revealed that they tried to reduce the gravity of their guilty conscience from their volitional act of disobedience to the revealed will of God (Job 31:33).**

Learning how the blame game works is important to eliminating it.

- § Adam: I ate (sinned) because I chose to listen to voice of my wife (3:12, 17)
- § Eve: I ate (sinned) because I was deceived to believe the devil (3:13).

Whenever our core belief is tainted by cosmos diabolicus, then confession must lead to putting off old self thinking (CD) and putting on new self thinking (DV).

“That, in reference to your former manner of life, **you lay aside the old self**, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and **put on the new self**, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.” (Eph.4: 22-24)

Confess the sin and then address your “cosmos diabolicus thinking” or “why you sinned”. (1 John 1:7-9).

This must be done to correct future sinful patterns of behavior (Prov.23: 7; Rom.12: 2).

Notice that in their sinful state it was God seeking them even while they were in hiding and evading Him. This is bizarre thinking to those who oppose God’s mercy and grace dealing with sinful man. (John 3:16; Eph.4: 31-32).