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THE BLAME GAME

Adam and Eve had walked with God in the Garden of Eden. We don't know how long it was before they were tempted by Satan to sin, but they had no excuse for what they had done. God was their creator. He had instructed them what would happen if they disobeyed by eating of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. He told them they would die.

Did they know what it meant to die? Surely not, because they were covered with the glory of God and had not been ashamed of their nakedness. (Genesis 1:25.) They had no knowledge of sin at that time. Now here they were ashamed of themselves. How do I know they were ashamed? Because they would not have covered themselves if they weren't. Sin always causes us to want to "hide" it and blame someone else for it.

Adam and Eve had sinned and hid themselves from God. They saw their nakedness and covered themselves with fig leaves. They must have thought it would keep God from knowing what they had done, but they were wrong.

Then they heard the voice of God calling out to Adam (which is both the male and female) saying, **"Where art thou?"** (Genesis 3:9.) Now there is no question in my mind that God knew where they were because he knows everything.

I truly believe that God was giving them a chance to confess their sin, but that did not happen. Instead, they blamed the blame game. Adam blamed God for giving him Eve, and he blamed Eve for giving him the fruit to eat. Then Eve blamed the serpent. Neither of them took the blame for what they had done. The choice they made was of their own free will, just like hiding after they sinned was of their own free will.

The blame game goes on down the centuries. We see it in lives today. Instead of "owning" our sin, and repenting we blame others for our actions. We cannot stand before God and plead not guilty when we give in to sin. We cannot blame others for "enticing" us, and we cannot even blame the devil. Yes, he tempts us like he did Adam and Eve. Yet, just like Adam and Eve, no one forces us to give in to the temptation. We do it voluntarily.

Many will say "It's so hard not to do such and such." Others said, "That is the way I have always been." These are just excuses, my friend. We are to live a disciplined, "crucify the flesh life." There is no room for the "blame game" in a Christian's life. If you are doing this, then you need to repent from your actions, own your sin, and then choose not to do it anymore.

It cost Adam and Eve a life in a perfect garden with purity and innocence. It will cost us too. Don't choose the path of sin and death. Choose the path of repentance and life. Don't play the blame game!