

Blame – Pt 2 The heathen blame others for their sin

This is our second study on the word “blame”. In our first teaching we established the meaning of the word “blame” and three points– (i) Live blameless, (ii) let us bear the blame, and (iii) apportion blame to brethren that walk contrary to the gospel. In this teaching we establish an additional three points– (i) the heathen cannot live blamelessly, (ii) the heathen blame the guiltless, and (iii) when we blame someone else for our sin we show our heart is not right with God,

Today’s Reading– 1 Sam.15.

It is from our search of the scriptures that we establish our three points–

1. The heathen cannot live blamelessly, as they are free from righteousness

“For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness” (Rom.6:20).

2. Those who reject the Lord Jesus Christ blame the guiltless

* The Jews told Jesus he had a devil, whilst the Lord said their father was the devil “Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keepeth the law? Why go ye about to kill me? [20] The people answered and said, Thou hast a devil: who goeth about to kill thee?” (Jn.7:19–20)– c.f. Jn.8: 44– “Ye are of your father the devil...”

3. When we blame others for our sin we show our heart is not right with God

i) When God challenged Adam for his sin he blamed the woman that God gave him “And the Lord God called unto Adam...And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? [12] And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat” (Gen.3: 9, 11, 12)– c.f.:– Ps.78: 37– “For their heart was not right with him, neither were they stedfast in his covenant”.

Illustration

One of the darkest times of my Christian walk was when I had sinned and blamed the enemy. And even though Satan provoked me (1 Chi.21: 1) I nevertheless sinned. I learned that when our first response is to blame others to deflect the heat, or defend ourselves then we are not in a good place. The enemy has snared us!

Questions of the scriptures

i) Why do the heathen blame others for their sin? ii) Why do Christians blame others?

Answers from the scriptures

i) The heathen blame their sin on others because they know their deeds are evil so they deflect the knowledge of their sin – that they would not be reproved.

“For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved” (Jn.3: 20).

ii) For the Christian I think we blame others because of shame, to which the scriptures attest– we feel shame for our sins–

“Thou also, which hast judged thy sisters, bear thine own shame for thy sins that thou hast committed more abominable than they...” (Eze.16:52).

The heathen cannot live blamelessly, they only blame the guiltless and blame others for their sin. Let us not follow after their wicked ways in any shape or form but walk worthy of Christ! Amen!