

GOD DOES NOT ACCEPT EXCUSES!

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(Genesis 3:8-13)

Excuses justifies you doing the wrong thing. God does not need you to justify your wrong doing. He is not interested in you justifying your wrong doing. When a person justifies what they did wrong they are **NOT** intending to do what is right. They do not have a desire to change their ways.

They only have a desire to **CONVINCE YOU** of their ways. God does not need you to convince Him. He knows the motive that controls your behavior. Giving God an excuse for doing wrong is foolish. If a person chooses to do this they are revealing the magnitude of their arrogance. **ARROGANT** people **JUSTIFY** what's wrong. **HUMBLE** people **ACKNOWLEDGE** what's wrong.

GIVING GOD AN EXCUSE IS **NOT** THE SAME AS ASKING FOR FORGIVENESS.

Unfortunately, people tend to justify their wrongs rather than asking for forgiveness. God restores forgiven people. He ignores arrogant people. Justifying what is wrong before the Lord exudes the fragrance of arrogance. Keep this in mind. God **DOES NOT** accept excuses. He is not looking for you to justify your sin. God will **ONLY ACCEPT YOUR FORGIVENESS** when you have done the wrong thing.

OWN UP TO WHAT YOU DID!

Numbers 23:19 says, "*God is **NOT A MAN**, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not not make it good?*" **STOP** treating God like a man. He's not a man. He is a supreme being who created men.

He is **NOT** on our level. He is above our level. He does not accept what people accept. He is greater than us.

When you give God excuses for doing the wrong thing you are reducing Him to the level of a common man.

When you understand the nature of God you will **NEVER** give Him an excuse for doing wrong. A person with Wisdom understands that God will not accept wickedness for righteousness.

A righteous individual will **NOT** make excuses for their wrong doing. They will ask for **FORGIVENESS**. Asking for forgiveness shows God how much you respect His authority. It tells God how much you value your relationship with Him. Forgiveness **RESTORES** your relationship with God when sin has broken the covenant. When you present God with excuses you are **NOT** owning up to what you did. You are covering up what you did.

GOD HATES COVER UPS!

WHY DID GOD MAKE LIFE HARD FOR ADAM?

(Genesis 3:8-13)

When Adam disobeyed God's command in the garden of Eden God made life very difficult for him. Adam never asked for forgiveness. He justified his disobedience. In Genesis 3:11 God asked Adam, "*Did you eat fruit from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?*" Adam responded to God by saying, "*You gave this woman to me and she gave me fruit from the tree, so I ate it.*"

Adam knew he disobeyed God. He knew he did the wrong thing. However, he **NEVER** asked for forgiveness. He gave an **EXCUSE**. In Genesis 3:17 God made life **VERY HARD** for Adam. Adam did not restore his relationship with God by asking for forgiveness. Genesis 3:17 says, "*You listened to what your wife said, and you ate fruit from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat.*"

So I will put a CURSE ON THE GROUND, AND YOU WILL HAVE TO WORK VERY HARD FOR YOUR FOOD."

Adam's **UNWILLINGNESS** to ask for forgiveness made life very hard for him. When you are constantly giving God excuses for doing the wrong thing you are not pleasing God. Do not follow in Adam's footsteps. There are consequences for giving God excuses when you should be asking for forgiveness.

When you sin, humble yourself! Ask God for forgiveness. When you fall, humble yourself. Ask God for forgiveness. Can you imagine what would of happened if Adam asked God for forgiveness? Most likely, God would of restored him. Proverbs 14:18 says, "*Pride comes before a fall.*" Adam's arrogance created his despair and poverty.

It is dangerous to give God an excuse for your wrong doing. Do not allow your ego to prevent you from being exalted. God will **NEVER** exalt you when you are giving Him excuses. Remember what Matthew 23:12 says,

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

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