**LOOK WHAT YOU MADE ME DO**

**Genesis 3:12 – 17**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. Children, after doing something wrong, frequently say, “*Look What You Made Me Do*”.

A. It seems one starts out young learning to play “The Blame Game” on someone else.

2. I am reminded of a mother who scolded her child for making faces at a bulldog.

A. To which she replied, “Well….he started it.”

3. I am afraid there are too many adults acting like this young lady.

A. Willing to place the “blame” for their spiritual condition upon anybody, **BUT** themselves.

**BODY:**

**1. BIBLICAL EXAMPLES**

A. Adam and Eve (Gen 3:12 – 17). Adam blames his actions on Eve, as well as God.

1. Eve blames the serpent. She was tempted; the responsibility of her actions is hers.

2. Likewise, Adam's responsibility rests upon him.

B. Aaron (Exo 32:22 – 24). When confronted by Moses, he blamed the Israelites.

C. Judas Iscariot (Mt 27:3 – 5). Betrayed Jesus’ Blood blamed the chief priest and elders.

**2. CONTEMPORARY EXAMPLES**

A. “As a child my parents made me go to services, so upon becoming an adult, I quit.”

1. In essence, it is “Look what they made me do.”

2. What other things did they make you do….for you to quit?

A. Bathing…Combing your hair? / Eating good things…Dressing properly?

B. ***NOT*** playing in the road… ***NOT*** playing with fire?

3. If you said “***NO***” to any of these, then do ***NOT*** use any excuse ***NOT*** to assemble.

A. You should be grateful your parents cared enough to teach you (Eph 6:4)

B. Sometimes [we] hear, “I was sick and ***NO*** one visited me, so I quit the church.”

1. In other words, “Look What They Made Me Do!!”

2. The Bible does speak about the sick calling for members to visit (Jas. 5:14)

A. Have you visited others when they were sick? (Mt 7:12)

3. Remember [we] are “To Serve” ***NOT*** “To Be Served” (Mt 20:28)

C. When the church is criticized (members), rather than defend it, join in the criticism.

1. “Well, there are a lot of things up there that I do ***NOT*** like also.”

A. Others say (to defend themselves) “I only did it because others did it, first.”

B. In other words, “Look What They Made Me Do.”

1. They were ***NOT*** made to do it, they lacked courage (Eph 6:10, 11; Php 1:17).

D. “They were ***NOT*** friendly, so I quit the church.”

1. Friendliness is an individual responsibility!! (Pro. 18:24)

2. [We] assemble to worship and serve God, ***NOT*** just to be friendly (Jn 4:23, 24)

E. Glory-seekers say, “They would not call on me often enough, so I quit.”

1. In other words, “They Made Me Do It.”

A. “If they had called on me more often, I would still be attending.”

2. The question must be asked as to why these were attending services to start with.

A. Was it just to be before the people? (Mt 23:5)

B. People need to know how to follow as well as lead.

**CONCLUSION:**

1. [We] must understand, [we] will give an answer for ourselves at the judgment (2 Pet 3:15).

A. Jn 12:48; Rom 14:12; 2 Cor 5:10

2. Try as we might, the responsibility for our misdeeds will ***NOT*** change the outcome to any

of these incidents (Heb 10:25).