

EXCUSE

Original – “to give a defense or reason for something.”

Current – “an unjustified or false reason for something, a false reason given to cover up the real reason.”

EXCUSE MAKING OLD AND COMMON

- Adam and Eve – Genesis 3:9-13
– “The devil made me do it!”
- Moses- Exodus 4:1, 10
– “won’t believe him or listen”
– “not a good speaker”
- King Saul – 1 Samuel Chapter 15
– “But the people ...”

A PARABLE TO COMBAT EXCUSE MAKING

- Luke 14:16-24
- “they all with one accord began to make excuse.”
- Regarding Property (possessions) verse 18
- Regarding Business (livelihood) verse 19; cf. John 6:27
- Concerning Family (relationships) verse 20
- Luke 10:41-42

TYPICAL EXCUSES TODAY

- *“I can’t help it, it’s just the way I am, or the way I was born.”*
- 1 Corinthians 6:9-10
- *“Born with a bad temper and just can’t help it.”*
- James 1:19-20
- *“Everyone else is doing it – wearing it. Everyone else is going.”*
- Romans 12:2

TYPICAL EXCUSES TODAY

- *“At least I’m not as bad as some people.”*
- *“I may be hateful to my wife, but at least I don’t beat her up.”*
- *“I don’t have time to teach the Bible to my kids, but at least I don’t let them go hungry.”*
- *“I’m not a Christian, but at least I’m not as bad as some Christians I know.”*
- *“I’m not a strong Christian, but not as bad as some hypocrites in the church.”*

FLIMSY EXCUSES

- *“I didn’t feel well.”*
- *“I was busy with ...”*
- *“My family ...”*
- *“My children ...”*
- *“Company kept me away.”*
- *“The worship is not interesting.”*
- *“I’m not getting anything out of it.”*
- *“The weather was bad ...”*
- *“There’s too many hypocrites.”*

FLIMSY EXCUSES

- *“Lord, I will serve you IF:
• I feel well, not too busy with other things, the rest of my family does, I don’t have any little ones, company doesn’t come, the worship is interesting, I really enjoy it, the weather is good, all others are serving You.”*

**Does Anyone
Really Think
God Will
Accept These
Excuses?**

**EXCUSES SAY WE DON’T
CARE TO SERVE THE LORD
AND HE IS UNWORTHY OF
REVERENCE AND RESPECT**

Malachi 1:6, “Where is My honor?
... Where is My reverence?”
Luke 6:46, “call Me Lord, Lord
and do not do the things which I
say.”

**SAD CONCLUSION FOR
ALL EXCUSE MAKERS**

Romans 1:20

Romans 2:1

Luke 14:21, 24

Luke 13:24-27

Jude 14-15

**THERE IS NO
EXCUSE
FOR SIN!
PERIOD!**

***“What’s Your
Excuse for
Failure to
Obey God?”***