

# Genesis 3:1-13

- ❑ Adam and Eve sin (vv. 1-6)
- ❑ God asked them about their wrong (vv. 7-11)
- ❑ Claimed to be victims – played the blame game (vv. 12-13)

## Genesis 3:12–13

<sup>12</sup> Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.”

<sup>13</sup> And the LORD God said to the woman, “What *is* this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”



*Claimed: Victims*

*Not Responsible*

# The Blame Game is Very Popular

*Is alive and played today as it was in Eden*

- Played in World
- Played in Business
- Played in Politics
- Played in School
- Played in Church





**HIS FAULT**

**HER FAULT**

**THEIR FAULT**

**NOT ME**

# The Blame Game

**THE VICTIM  
MENTALITY**

# *The Blame Game*

## **I. The First Players**





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Adam & Eve (Gen. 3:12-13)

## A. Claimed to be victims of the faults of others

1. Would not admit – “I sinned” or “we sinned”
  - a. Adam: “A cold expression, manifesting neither any grief nor shame at so foul an act, but rather a desire to cover his sin” (White)” (Pulpit)
  - b. Eve: didn’t mention her sin of tempting her husband
    - Beguiled: caused me to forget
    - “A forced confession, but no appearance of contrition. ‘It’s true I did eat, but it was not my fault’ (Hughes)” (Pulpit)



# I. The First Players

Adam & Eve (Gen. 3:12-13)

## A. Claimed to be victims of the faults of others

1. Would not admit – “I sinned” or “we sinned”
2. Blame was shifted
  - a. Verse 12 – Adam blamed the woman & God
  - b. Verse 13 – Woman blamed serpent
  - c. Anywhere but personal responsibility





# I. The First Players

Adam & Eve (Gen. 3:12-13)

## A. Claimed to be victims of the faults of others

## B. Regardless of Others:

1. They both knew the rules (Gen. 2:16-17)
2. They both knew the consequences (Gen. 2:16-17)
3. They both had a choice (Gen. 3:6)
4. They both were wrong!



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**II. A Lot of Players Through History**

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## II. A Lot of Players Through History

- A. Aaron blamed the people & Moses (Exo. 32:1-8; 19-24)
- B. Ahab blamed Elijah (1 Kings 18:16-46)
- C. Saul blamed the people (1 Sam. 15:1-ff)
- D. Elder son blamed his father (Luke 15:28-32)
- E. Peter was worried about what was expected of John (John 21:20-22)

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**III. Players Today**





### III. Players Today

#### A. Blame parents & raising

1. They are to blame (a lot, a little, or a much)
2. They made

#### B. Blame world

1. World
2. I am

#### C. Blame church

1. Discouraged
2. Been ignored (cf. Ac)
3. Not included / treated unfriendly
4. People who are hypocrites

- *The charges may be true*
- Adam was right – Eve did tempt him & God gave her
- Eve was right – Serpent did beguile her

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**IV. Rules of the Game**





## IV. Rules of the Game



- A. Refuse to take responsibility for own action
- B. Focus on self & how you've been wronged
- C. Make the wrong done to you GREATER than own wrong
- D. Feel powerless to overcome – act like you are stuck
- E. Use the power of the game: Always act as if you are morally right, but not responsible or accountable & forever entitled to sympathy!
- F. Blow your problem up bigger than it really is (cf. Prov. 18:13-17)

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**V. Breaking Out of Children's  
Games**



## V. Breaking Out of Children's Games

- A. Wrong is wrong – no matter how you got there!
  1. Violation of law still in (1 Jno. 3:4)
  2. Sin still separates from God (Jas. 1:15)





## V. Breaking Out of Children's Games

- A. Wrong is wrong – no matter how you got there!
- B. Take responsibility for your own sin
  1. *Ezek. 18 – not bear the sins of others*
  2. *Must given an account of self (Rom. 14:12)*
  3. *We drawn away of own lust (Jas. 1:13-15)*



## V. Breaking Out of Children's Games

- A. Wrong is wrong – no matter how you got there!
- B. Take responsibility for your own sin
- C. Realize you can overcome past
  1. *Ezek. 18 – Son can overcome wicked father*
  2. *Paul overcame his past*
  3. *Corinthians overcame their past (1 Cor. 6:9-11)*
  4. *Abraham's raising was in idolatry*



## V. Breaking Out of Children's Games

- A. Wrong is wrong – no matter how you got there!
- B. Take responsibility for your own sin
- C. Realize you can overcome past
- D. Whatever God expects you to do or be – you can (Phil. 4:13)
- E. You are not the only one to be wronged:
  1. *Slighted*
  2. *Ignored / left out*
  3. *Get your feelings hurt*
  4. *You may very well have caused some of that yourself!!*

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