

“Excuses”

Luke 14:16-24

Introduction

- I. One of the marks against human beings is how easily so many people make excuses.
- II. Sadly, our society has been conditioned in such a way as to believe that we are not at fault, but rather that others are to blame for our misgivings.
- III. Originally, the word “excuse” meant “to give a reason or defense of something”, but it has become known as “a false reason or false defense of something”.
- IV. Christians should not be in the habit of making excuses when it comes to our faithfulness to God.

Discussion

- I. The process of making excuses is not something new.
 - A. Adam and Eve (Gen. 3:9-13)
 - B. Moses (Exo. 4:1, 10)
 - C. Saul (1 Sam. 15)
 - D. None of the aforementioned excuses were acceptable.
- II. Jesus took the time to teach against making excuses (Luke 14:16-24).
 - A. “A great supper” was prepared, but rejected due to excuses.
 - B. Each excuse typifies some common ways that people continue to make excuses.
 1. Excuse of possessions (v. 18)
 2. Excuse of business (v. 19)
 3. Excuse of relationships/family (v. 20)
- III. Some other excuses that people make today.
 - A. “I was born that way”/“I cannot help it” (1 Cor. 6:9-10; Rom. 6:12-17).
 - B. “Everybody is doing it” (Matt. 7:13-14; cf. Exo. 23:2).
 - C. “I am too busy” (Psm. 46:10; Luke 10:40-42).
 - D. “I am too old”/“I am too young” (Caleb Josh. 14:6-15; Timothy 1 Tim. 4:12).
 - E. “I do not feel well”, but yet the person still does others things.
 - F. There are many other excuses that are used as well.
- IV. No excuse will be good enough on the Day of Judgment (Luke 14:24; Jude 14-15).
 - A. That includes those who go astray (Rom. 1:20).
 - B. That includes those who condemn others, but do the same things (Rom. 2:1).
 - C. That includes the unlearned (2 Thess. 2:6-9).

Conclusion

- I. Do you have an “excuse” for why you are not obeying God?
- II. We should instead find reasons why we should always obey God.