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... for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, *As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.*

Romans 15:10-12

Every human will give an account of himself to God Almighty. He will give an account of ***himself***. That is an important thought. When we stand before God, we can't play the blame game. We can't blame our parents, government, husband, wife, children, friends, relatives and the society for our life. You will be held accountable for what you did and didn't do. ***Each individual will answer for himself***. Individual accountability is one of the fundamental teachings of the Bible.

In the book of Genesis, when Adam sinned and fell, he went and hid himself along with Eve. Hiding ourselves may help with men but won't work with God. When God called for him and asked him if he had eaten of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Adam did something that is reflected in all of mankind today. He said "The woman whom thou gavest *to be* with me..." – Gen 3:12. In one simple phrase, He shifted the blame for his failure from himself and put it on Eve and God. Refusing to take responsibility for our action is an aspect of the fallen nature. You can see this attitude everywhere today, "My failure is everybody else's fault. I am not responsible for this. I am the victim here".

Adam was willing to disobey God in order to please his wife Eve, but now, when he is being judged by God, he threw her under the bus without even blinking. On top of that, He had the audacity to blame God for giving the woman to him. When he first saw her, Adam was thrilled and said "This *is* now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh...". Now he is distancing himself from her saying "the woman whom Thou gavest...". He is also saying "God, it is your fault. I didn't ask for this woman. You brought her to me". In spite of Adam's tactics, He was rightly judged. Everyone involved, the serpent, the devil, Eve and Adam were correctly and righteously judged.

After the murder of Abel by Cain, God asked Cain “where is your brother Abel?”. Cain acted as if he is clueless, he said “I know not. Am I my brother’s keeper?”. People do this all the time today. They think, “if no human saw it or if they didn’t get caught on a camera or a CCTV, I am safe”. But God is watching all the time. “Hell and destruction *are* before the LORD: how much more then ***the hearts*** of the children of men?” – Proverbs 15:11. Not only our actions, but even the thoughts and intentions of our heart are open before God.

The very first book of the Bible, the beginning of the revelations about God, teaches us that ***we will be held accountable for our actions***. Starting from Adam, Eve, Cain, the entire mankind during the time of Noah, the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, all are set as examples of this teaching. Enoch who was seventh from Adam said “Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, ***To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him***” – Jude 1:14-15.

Live as those who will give account of themselves to God Almighty. This is the foundation for the fear of God. This will bring order, clarity, Blessings and protection into your life.

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