
HOLY HELPS

AN EXCUSE OR A REASON?

An excuse is the skin of a reason stuffed with a lie! A reason is a reality; an excuse is an imagination. Reasons generally are sincere; excuses generally are a rationalization of ineptitude. A reason is something we give as an explanation; an excuse is something we give as an evasion.

The reason Adam ate the forbidden fruit was because it was sensibly pleasing to him; the excuse he gave was that Eve told him to eat it. The reason the man in Matthew's Gospel "hid his talent" was that he was indifferent and lazy, "a wicked and slothful servant." The excuse was that the master was a "hard man." The reason men did not come to the banquet, in Luke's Gospel, was because not only did they have possessions, but their possessions had them; their excuses were: a newly purchased field that had to be seen, five new yoke of oxen that had to be tried and a wife that had to be loved.

There is no area in which more excuses are given, than in the realm of the spiritual. I have never heard a valid reason for the rejection of Jesus Christ, but I have heard a myriad of excuses. It seems that any excuse is better than none for those who determined to evade the issue. That is why there has to be a Day of Judgment to send the excuses to Hell and the reasons to Heaven!