

TOO YOUNG

TOO POOR

TOO SIMPLE

EXCUSES,

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TOO LATE

TOO TIRED

TOO BUSY

The Bible tells us that “each of us shall give account of himself to God” (Romans 14:12). This is not a very pleasant thought, is it? However, we must face it! Will you try to use excuses with Him?

What Will You Answer God?

•**Excuse #1:** *You were too busy to think about eternal matters.* No; that wouldn't do. He could say it doesn't take much time to be saved. The Bible says, “Look to Me, and be saved” (Isaiah 45:22). Does that take much time? How foolish to throw away an entire **eternity** because you didn't take **time** to consider such an important matter!

•**Excuse #2:** *There was plenty of time, being young, and you saw no need to rush into it.* No; that excuse will not do. It is obvious that life is very uncertain. God also has told us in His Book, “Now is the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:2).

•**Excuse #3:** *There were too many hypocrites in the church and you didn't want to be one also.* This excuse won't work either, because even if some Christians are not sincere, there is no reason *you* can't be real. The existence of counterfeit money doesn't stop you from using good money, does it?

•**Excuse #4:** *The Bible is so complicated you never could understand it.* But salvation is not

a matter of great intellect. Besides, He could ask you why you didn't apply that kind of logic to other areas of your life. For example: your limited understanding of chemistry doesn't keep you from taking medicine when you need it; or your lack of understanding about the digestive system doesn't keep you from eating.

There may be all kinds of excuses we can think of **now**, but **then** we will have none. Not one would satisfy God.

A Man Named Job

Job (in the Bible), asked the same question: “How shall I answer Him?” (Job 31:14). He thought about various answers, and then realized how useless they all were. Job finally said, “Though I were righteous, my own mouth would condemn me ... If I wash myself with snow water, and cleanse my hands with soap, yet You will plunge me into the pit” (Job 9:20,30-31).

At last in desperation he cried out, “I am vile; what shall I answer You? I lay my hand over my mouth” (Job 40:4). Job concluded that he was a helpless sinner without any excuse to offer in his defense.

It's Your Turn

Have you reached that point yet? Have you admitted that you are a helpless sinner

and in need of cleansing? The Bible says, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

Only when you reach this point can God forgive you and cleanse you from your sins. If you receive Jesus Christ as the One who suffered and died for your sins, *He will answer for you.*

God does not and will not accept all those flimsy excuses, but He will accept you on the basis of what Jesus Christ has done for you. "To the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He (God) has made us accepted in the Beloved (Jesus Christ). In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Ephesians 1:6-7).

Take time now to confess your sins to God and accept Jesus Christ as your Savior.

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