



# OUR VICTIMHOOD CULTURE



## WHAT IT IS

- **Culture** – a specific set of ideas, rules, and social behavior of a particular group
- Defined and applied:
  - **Cambridge dictionary** – “the condition of having been hurt, damaged, or made to suffer, especially when you want others to feel sorry or you...or to use it as an excuse for something”
  - Victimhood culture is about **blaming others** while **refusing to assign responsibility** or **accept accountability for one’s actions**.

## OTHER DISTURBING FACTS

- Those who disagree are considered **victimizers** and must be **silenced**
- Encourages **constant fault-finding** and **rage** at any perceived offense or divergence from their approved opinions
- Categorizes people “privilege,” which is based on **race** and **gender**
- Some attempt to justify it biblically – Ex. 20:5-6



# THE BIBLE AND VICTIMHOOD CULTURE

## IS GOD RESPONSIBLE?

- Blaming God for one's sinful actions is not new – Eccl. 1:9; Gen. 3:9-13
- God is not responsible – Exodus 20:5-6
  - “Visiting” is about **consequences**, not character or behavior
  - Some might cry “foul!”

## PROOF OF MY CONCLUSION

- God is not responsible for sinful conduct – Jas. 1:13-15
- The “visiting” of the fathers’ sins did not force the children to act sinfully – Psa. 95:7-10; Deut. 24:16; Heb. 3:12-19
- God refused to allow the victimhood culture
  - Jeremiah addressed it – Jer. 31:29; 16:1-13; 31:29-30
  - Ezekiel addressed it – Ezek. 18

## MORE BIBLICAL PROBLEMS WITH VICTIMHOOD CULTURE

Fault-finding and enraged attacks on one's "enemies" are contrary to Christ's love – 1 Cor. 13:4-7; Rom. 12:14, 17-21

Determining the value of others based on race and gender is contrary to God's will – 1 Pet. 2:17; Gal. 3:26-28

## APPLICATIONS

- We must live with accountability
  - Our thoughts and actions will be judged – 2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 2:5-8
  - God will not be mocked concerning this – Gal. 6:7-8
- Children will face the consequences of their parents' actions
  - Though not held guilty, children can suffer physically for the sins of the parents.
  - Children can suffer spiritually for their parents' sin.
  - Children can be abundantly blessed for their parents' righteousness – Ex. 20:6