

## Each <u>CHOICE</u> brings with it a <u>CONSEQUENCE</u>





## CONSEQUENCE < CHOICE < <u>ignorant</u> or <u>evil</u>

## CONSEQUENCES affect PEOPLE ... even people in other <u>places</u> or <u>generations</u>

"... but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you (plural) will surely die." (Genesis 2:15)

> \*<u>magnitude</u> of the consequence [severity, totality]

" ... for I am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments" (Exodus 20:5) \*longevity of the consequences [propensity, proclivity]

Our fathers sinned and are no more, and we bear their punishment.

(Lamentations 5:7)

What do the people mean by quoting this proverb ... "The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel ... The soul who sins is the one who will die. (Ezekiel 18:2-3)

The son will not share the guilt of the father nor will the father share the guilt of the son ... therefore I will judge you, [but] each one according to his [own] ways. (Ezekiel 18:20,30)

Fathers shall not be put to death for their children nor children put to death for their fathers. Each is to die [if it is a death penalty case] for their own sins. (Deuteronomy 24:16)

This principle of **personal accountability** is expected to be a pillar of human **justice**and **law**.

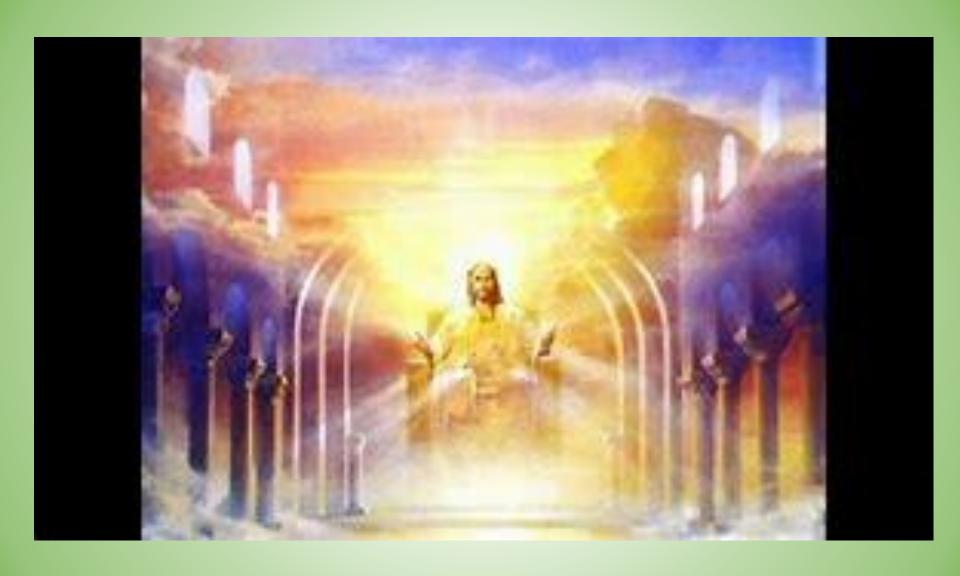
The good and evil of other people (past and present)

affects our life but does not determine our destiny!

For none of us lives to himself alone ... (Romans 14:7)
\*genetics/crime/abuse/accidents/education, economy, etc.

So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God (Romans 14:12)

\*attitude/motives/beliefs/faith







- a) Everything from history stands <u>exposed</u> and <u>helpless</u> before the Judge.
- b) The justice and grace of God has its <u>final</u> <u>word</u>.

- Nothing is arbitrary.
- God gives each individual the incredible privilege of deciding their destiny.
- We have that privilege. NOW.

