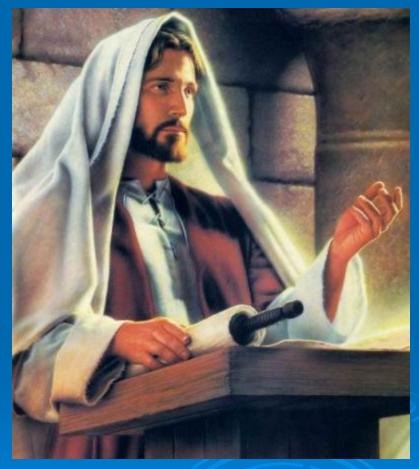
"This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons"



Matthew 12:24

The vice of blaming and falsely accusing God



...many people did it in many different ways

1. ...his own people:

"But when His own people heard about this, they went out to lay hold of Him, for they said, 'He is out of His mind."

Mark 3:21

2. ...the Pharisees:

"We know that this Man is a sinner" *John 9:24*



...many people did it in many different ways ²

- 3. ...the high priests:
 "We found this fellow perverting
 - the nation" Luke 23:2
- 4. ...the servant who received one talent:

"Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed"

Matthew 25:24



...many people did it in many different ways (3)

5. ...the older son:

"yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends"

Luke 15:29

6. ...our father Adam:

"The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate"

Genesis 3:12



...many people did it in many different ways (4)

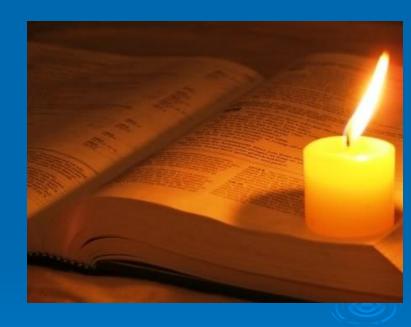
7. ...our father Abraham:

"...and it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house..." *Genesis 20:13*



Why we tend to fall in this

- 1. Wrong perception of God and His will:
 - "God who made me to do this!"
 - "God who waits for me to sin to punish me!"
 - "God who wants to control me and limit my freedom!"



Why we tend to fall in this (2)

- Not being able to take responsibility for my actions
- Self-pity and a sense of entitlement
- 4. Having knowledge about God but never tasting Him



Why we tend to fall in this (3)

- Getting an impression from others
- Being wise in our own eyes
- 7. Conflicts in economies:
 - Time
 - Goal
 - What we know versus what He knows



What this leads us to?

- 1. Problem with trust
- 2. Problem with love
- Problems with correcting faults
- 4. Absence of comfort and surrendering to worries

