

A Lawsuit against God

Could anyone have the audacity to sue God?

Nebraska State Senator Ernie Chambers did. On Sept 14, 2007, he filed a lawsuit against God, seeking a permanent injunction ordering God to “cease certain harmful activities and the making of terroristic threats” against him and his constituents that inspired fear and caused “widespread death, destruction and terrorization of millions upon millions of the Earth’s inhabitants.”

Chambers, a self-proclaimed agnostic, said his case was in response to bills brought forth by other state senators to try and stop lawsuits from being filed. “The Constitution requires that the courthouse doors be open, so you cannot prohibit the filing of suits. Anyone can sue anyone they choose, even God,” Chambers charged.

A headline in a newspaper a week later proclaimed that “God Gets an Attorney.”

Eric Perkins, a lawyer in Corpus Christi, Texas, said he filed a response to Chambers’ lawsuit. “It’s kind of a turn on ‘What would Jesus do?’” Perkins said. “I thought to myself, ‘What would God say?’”

His legal document stated: “Defendant (God) denies that this or any court has jurisdiction ... over Him any more than the court has jurisdiction over the wind or rain, sunlight or darkness.”

Blaming the Almighty for human oppression and suffering misses an important point, according to Perkins, who said he is a Christian.

“I created man and woman with free will and next to the promise of immortal life, free will is My greatest gift to you,” according to the response Perkins filed.

Michael, the Archangel, is listed as a witness. The case was finally closed in February 2008 when the Nebraska Court of Appeals dismissed it.

Human nature, it seems, wants to blame others – even God – for events and circumstances in life. It began in the Garden of Eden.

God commanded that Adam and Eve could eat of the fruit of every tree in the garden except one – the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. When they disobeyed, and God confronted them, Adam blamed Eve for giving him the fruit, and Eve said the fault lay with the serpent that deceived her.

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The game of passing the buck has continued down through the ages. The late comedian Flip Wilson coined a national catchphrase, "The devil made me do it," during his routines.

We may cover our bases at work to avoid being seen as responsible for a mistake. We seek to make ourselves look good to friends after a relationship breaks apart. When things go wrong, we don't like to take ownership. While others may contribute to our problems and behaviors in our lives, at some point we must step up and take responsibility for our mistakes, sins and our own lives.

The good news is that God is gracious to sinners and gives new life to all who repent of their sins and trust His Son, Jesus, as Savior. He will never turn away anyone who sincerely seeks forgiveness for their mistakes that hurt others and their sins that offend God.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9 NKJV).

– Beecher Hunter

