

## 14 | THE CURSE BECOMES A BLESSING



A wonderful example of a man who understands God's voice and obediently goes the way God shows is Abraham. In his story, we see that God wants to be with Abraham. God's heart is to bless Abraham, his family and his people. And through that, He wants to bless all the nations of the earth.

**"Every step Abraham takes in obedience has a consequence, blessing not only Abraham, but ultimately all the nations of the earth."**

God sought a covenant partner, and that became Abraham. Thus He wanted to break the curse that had come upon the earth through the sin of Adam and Eve; He wanted to restore what had been destroyed and corrupted by Satan's rule, including through the Ekklesia. A covenant is made by two parties who promise to walk together. What one partner has, becomes part of the other partner. Attached to this covenant are both agreements and blessings. If you keep the agreements, the other party will have to keep them as well.

### **What does the Bible say about blessing and cursing?**

God's desire has always been to bless us as human beings. In Christ we have been delivered from the curse and the blessing of God is in us. (*Galatians 3:13-14*)

A curse continues for several generations, but it is God's desire to break it and restore the relationship. The impact of the blessing extends beyond that of the curse: the blessing is passed on to subsequent generations.

### **What is a blessing?**

A blessing is obtained when you keep the agreements that were made. A blessing from God comes into your life when you trust Him and follow Him. Characteristics of blessing are:

- You will be exalted.
- You will be fruitful.
- You will have good health.
- You will be prosperous in everything you undertake.
- God's favor is upon you.
- You will be the head and not the tail (*Deuteronomy 28:1-13*)

### **What is a curse?**

- A curse is a tool that has supernatural power.
- A curse is created by words spoken or thought are uttered.
- Curses can also be uttered by agreements.
- By cursing, people try to dominate another.
- Curses cast a dark shadow over your life.
- Swearing may have occurred in your past.
- Swearing can also continue from generation to generation.

### **What does a curse do?**

If there is a curse or curses in your life, the following problems may occur regularly: failure, bankruptcy, mental and physical illnesses, poverty, dejection, depression, family problems that lead to divorce, strange accidents, no successes in your work, infertility, and above all, lack of God's favor.

Do you notice that you are under a curse? This need not remain so, through Christ you may break the curse.

### **This is what Jesus did**

- Jesus himself became a curse by dying on the cross - anyone hanging on a piece of wood is cursed, the Bible says.  
He wore a crown of thorns. Those thorns represent demonic oppression. So Jesus takes your curse with him on the cross. By believing and proclaiming this, your curse is broken and turns into a blessing. (Galatians 3:13-14)
- Our sins are forgiven by believing that Jesus blood makes us clean, free from the effects of sin. (Ephesians 1:7)
- Servants of God are given the power to break the influence of Satan, demons and curses. (Luke 9:1)

Thus, this very theme is given to the Ekklesia. As a living temple, it is given to the members of the Ekklesia to bind and dissolve, to break curses and set blessings free. The belief that you have been blessed is powerful. The blessing is given retroactively: through you and the members of the Ekklesia, it goes first to your immediate family members, because God is a God who loves the family.

Wherever you proclaim that Jesus reigns, the King's blessing will flow. This blessing can be released by the Ekklesia understanding that God's blessing is more powerful than Satan's curse.

This is the last study from this book. Therefore, I want to conclude with the blessings that were promised to Abraham and that all who believe in Christ may receive. I have mentioned these Bible verses before, but because they are so important, read them again here:

### **Genesis 12:1-3**

1. I will be a great people.
2. I am blessed in Jesus.
3. I have standing with people, at work and in the city.
4. I am a source of blessing.
5. God blesses those who bless me.
6. God stands up for me when I am mocked.

### **Genesis 15:1**

7. I am protected.

### **Genesis 17:1-9**

8. I am a progenitor of a multitude of nations.
9. I am royal descendant and from me come spiritual heirs; sons and daughters of the Kingdom.

- 10. God has an everlasting covenant with me.
- 11. God will be my God and that of my descendants.

**Genesis 22:16-17**

- 12. I will take possession of cities of the enemy.

