

4 | BLESSINGS AND CURSES



What does the Bible say about blessings and curses?

Gal 3: 13,14

But Christ Jesus has redeemed us from this curse by being cursed for us, for it is written, "Cursed is every man that hangs on a stake."

14 So through him would all nations share in the blessing of Abraham, and by faith we would receive the Spirit, as promised.

Ex 20: 5,6

You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

1 Pet 3: 9

Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. God raised up his servant first for you and sent him to you to bless every one of you who turn away from his evil deeds.

Act 3:26

When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways."

What is a blessing?

God's favor for your good, peace, and prosperity in your life.

A blessing is obtained if you keep the agreements that have been made.

A blessing from God comes into your life when you come to trust and follow Him.

Deut 28:9-13

- you will be built up, made strong
- you will be fruitful
- you will have good health
- you will prosper in all that you undertake
- you will be the head and not the tail

If you are in Christ, no curse will strike you!

How can we respond when God shows us that there is a curse on our lives?

Gal 3:13

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole."

What does a curse do?

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

What is a curse?

- A curse has supernatural power that arises from ungodly spoken words or thoughts.
- Curses are statements made by agreements with darkness.
- It is a dark shadow over your life that holds you in its power. Often it originates from your past.
- It can pass on from generation to generation.

How does a curse start to work?

- *Deut 1:25*
By not listening to God's voice and choosing your own way
- *Ex 20: 3-5, Deut 18: 10,11*
By opening up to occult practices, serving and trusting other gods, worshiping false gods and making an image of them.
- People try to control others by swearing
- *Deut 27: 15-26*
Being disrespectful to your parents
Unnatural sexual behavior (rape, incest, molestation)
No respect for the boundaries of others
People who violate the rights of the poor, refugees, widows and orphans
- *Gen 12: 3, 27-29*
Anyone who turns against the people of God, the Jews, and curses them
- *Jer 17: 5,6*
Someone who relies on people and not God
- *Mal 3: 8-10*
Anyone who robs God of, among other things, ten percent of your income

How are curses passed down through generations?

- Certain sins in the Bible continue into the third and fourth generations. This happens at birth. As Ex 20 describes, the influence of certain sins continues into the next generation.
- Witches, fortune tellers, card readers etc are sometimes "hired" to curse others and this can continue into the next generation. If you are not in Christ, these words have power.
- You see certain sins passing from generation to generation or from nation to nation.
- Abraham lied twice about his origins. Isaac does almost exactly the same thing. Jacob is called an earthly liar.

How did Jesus Christ break the curse on your life?

- *Gal 3: 13,14*

Jesus Himself became a curse by being tortured on the cross, by wearing a crown of thorns. It says that anyone hanging on a piece of wood is cursed. The thorns represent demonic oppression. So Jesus takes your curse on the cross, and by believing this, your curse is broken and now you are blessed.

- *Eph 1: 7*
Our sins are forgiven by believing that Jesus' blood makes us clean and free from the working of sin.
- *1 John 3: 8b*
Jesus breaks the power of sin and the curse on our lives.
- *Luck 10:19*
Servants of God are given the power to break the influence of satan, demons and curses.

Steps to Blessing

1. Confess your faith based on the words of God from the Bible.
2. Commit to trusting in God and doing what He asks of you.
3. Confess every sin that God's Spirit is showing you now and also the sin of your ancestors.
4. Revoke any promises you made in occult practices or statements you heard from fortune tellers.
5. Remove all objects related to false gods or occult objects from your living area.
6. Set yourself free now in the name of Jesus Christ.
7. Exercise faith in Jesus as Lord of your life, and His blessing will begin to work through you.

Refresh your thinking by regularly reading and memorizing the Word of God

Isa 54:17, 1 Pet 2:24, 2 Cor 9: 8, 2 Cor 5: 17,18



PRAYER:

Thank you Jesus that from today on I may live under the blessing of the Father. I receive everything you have in heaven for me.

Go through the points outlined above and name any point that may relate to your life.

Today I confess that Christ is Lord of my life and every curse I have mentioned has been broken by the power of the blood of Jesus. Every demonic power attached to this must leave me, in Jesus' name.

Thank you that I am free through Jesus Christ.



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