

**Laying the Ax to the Root**  
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**I. God's Intention for the Church**

- A. All grace abounding toward you
- B. Having all-sufficiency in all things (2 Corinthians 9:8)
- C. Abounding in good works

**II. Now the Ax Is Laid to the Root (Matthew 3:10)**

- A. A radical message: deliverance from evil spirits
- B. The deepest roots go back to people's past life – generational curses (Exodus 20:5)

**III. Evidences of Curses**

- A. Being accident-prone
- B. A dark shadow from the past

**IV. Root Causes of Curses**

- A. Failure to honor father and mother, which is the first commandment with a promise (Exodus 20:12)
- B. An ancestor who sought dark forces (other gods): fortune-teller, clairvoyant, spiritist, Christian Science practitioner, for example
  - 1. Only two sources of knowledge: God or Satan
  - 2. Divination: predictive ability (Acts 16:16)
  - 3. Witchcraft: manipulation, control (Who has bewitched you? Galatians 3:1)
- C. Addictions—nicotine, alcohol, drugs, television, many others.
- D. Occult involvement – horoscopes, drugs, Ouija board
- E. Rejection
  - 1. Passive: "Nobody loves me."
  - 2. Aggressive: Resentment, hatred, rebellion (1 Samuel 15:23) rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft

**V. Remedy**

- A. Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law (Galatians 3:13)
- B. Balak tried to curse Israel, God did not permit him (Numbers 22:38)
- C. We are "accepted in the Beloved" (Ephesians 1:6)
- D. God's promises are sure