

Curses: Cause And Cure

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— Study Note Outline —

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Three Tape Series

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I. How I Was Led To This Theme

- A. Define blessings and curses—emphasize continuation from one generation to another—families as well as individuals.
- B. Examples of blessings
 1. Gen. 22:15–18—From *God* (note *cause*)
 2. Gen. 27:27–29, 33, 37–40—From *man* on behalf of *God*
- C. The same principles apply to curses
 1. The word “*curse*” occurs nearly 200 times in Scripture
 2. Prov. 26:2—There is always a *cause* for a *curse*

II. Sources of curses

- A. God Himself
 1. Gen. 12:3—Protection of Abraham against anti-Semitism
 2. Deut. 27:15–26—Twelve curses for breaking the law of Moses (note *causes*)
 3. Jer. 17:5–6—For depending on flesh rather than God (compare Gal. 3:1–3, 8–10)
 4. Zech. 5:1–4—For stealing and swearing falsely (perjury)
- B. Men on behalf of God
 1. Josh. 6:26—Joshua regarding Jericho. See 1 Kings 16:34
 2. 2 Sam. 3:28–29—David regarding Joab
 3. 2 Kings 5:26–27—Elisha regarding Gahazi
 4. Ps. 109:6–13—David’s prophetic curse on Judas Iscariot (see Acts 1:20; Prov. 17:13)
 5. Mark 11:12–14, 20–21—Jesus and the fig tree
- C. Persons with relational authority
 1. Gen. 31:30–32—Jacob regarding his wife Rachel (note *occult* involvement)—compare Gen. 35:16–19
 2. Judges 9:19–21, 56–57—Jothan (as representative of his father) regarding Abimelech and the men of Schechem
- D. Self-imposed curses
 1. Gen. 27:11–13—Rebekah, taking curse due to Jacob
 2. Matt. 27:24–25—Israel, regarding Jesus

- E. Satanic influence
 - 1. Emotional reviling
 - a. Rom. 12:14—Where cursing equals *abuse*, probably *demonic*
 - b. 1 Cor. 4:12—Our protection is to *bless*. *Wrong* reaction:
 - c. 1 Pet. 3:9—*Fear* or *revenge*
 - 2. Planned “professional”
 - Num. 22:4–6, 12—Balaam against Israel

III. Forms Of Blessings And Curses

- A. Forms that blessings take—Deut. 28:1–14
 - 1. Causes:
 - a. Listening to God’s voice
 - b. Doing what God says
 - 2. Summed up
 - a. Exaltation
 - b. Health
 - c. Reproductiveness
 - d. Prosperity
 - e. Victory
 - f. God’s Favor
- B. Forms that curses take—Deut. 28:15–68
 - 1. Causes:
 - a. Not listening to God’s voice
 - b. Not doing what God says
 - 2. Summed up
 - a. Humiliation
 - b. Mental and physical sickness
 - c. Family breakdown
 - d. Poverty
 - e. Defeat
 - f. Oppression
 - g. Failure
 - h. God’s disfavor
- C. Conditions indicating curses (based on personal experience in ministering to people)
 - 1. Mental and emotional breakdown
 - 2. Repeated or chronic sicknesses (esp. without clear medical diagnosis)
 - 3. Repeated miscarriages or related female problems
 - 4. Breakdown of marriage—family alienation
 - 5. Continuing financial insufficiency (esp. where income appears sufficient)
 - 6. “Accident prone”

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I. Basis For Cure: The Atonement Of Jesus

- A. One source of good: God the Father
- B. One channel: Jesus Christ
- C. One basis: work of the cross
- D. One way to appropriate: faith

II. From *Curse To Blessing* (Gal. 3:13–14)

- A. Deut. 21–23—Jesus was made a curse according to the law of Moses
 - 1. Is. 53:6—Covers all consequences of disobedience
 - 2. Deut. 28:1–2—It still takes *obedience to* qualify for the *blessings*. Illustrate from Ex. 15:26 to “hearken diligently” to the voice of the Lord.
 - 3. The way we respond to God’s voice will determine our destiny.
- B. The *cross* has totally satisfied every legal requirement. We have to move from *legal to experiential*
 - 1. Josh. 1—God had already given the land to the Israelites—but they had to fight for it
 - 2. In moving from the legal to the experiential, often the *key* is determining the *cause*. We need to pay special attention to *curses* where there is an additional cause beyond simple obedience to God’s law.
 - 3. Further examples of:
 - a. Persons with relational authority
 - b. Self-imposed curses
 - c. Satanic influence
- C. God’s protection—Prov. 2:1–11—With example from personal experience

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II. From Curse to Blessing (cont’d.)

- D. Primary cause of curses: occult involvement (compare Deut. 27:15; 5:6–10)
 - 1. Consequences: specifically extended to third and fourth generations. Historical examples:
 - a. Reading from articles re U.S. presidency.
 - b. Deut. 27:17—U.S. government treatment of American Indian.
 - 2. “*Legal*” *issue of curses*: where a person has given “legal” occasion to the enemy to bring him under a curse, one essential requirement is to repent and turn from whatever evil conduct has exposed him to the curse
 - 3. *Basic problem of America*: dominion of satanic power cultivated by original inhabitants
 - 4. Your background is part of you. Personal examples

III. Process Of Release / Deliverance From Curses

- A. Basic Pattern
 - 1. Recognize
 - 2. Repent
 - 3. Renounce
 - 4. Resist (James 4:7)

B. Specific steps

1. Establish a clear scriptural basis (Gal. 3:13–14; Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:12–14; 1 John 1:8b; Luke 10:19)
 2. Confess your faith in Christ
 3. Commit yourself to obedience
 4. Confess any known sins (of yourself or your family/ancestors)
 5. Forgive all other persons
 6. Renounce all contact with occult (by yourself or your family/ancestors). Get rid of all “contact” objects.
 7. Release yourself in the name of Jesus
- C. Close:** Collective prayer of release/deliverance.