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
   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)
   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 Shechem
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.
   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.

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