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
      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

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