

## From Curses to Blessings

Our words can be very powerful sometimes more powerful than we realise. Curses and blessings are words that are charged with supernatural power. They can be either God's or Satan's supernatural power. Both curses and blessings can be effective for many generations.

**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 tree. He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.*

Jesus received the curse of the law so that we can receive the blessing - life in Him. There are curses that are not of the law but of Satan but these can be broken.

**Prov 26:2** *Like a fluttering sparrow or a darting swallow, an undeserved curse does not come to rest. - Every curse has a cause. Christians can deserve curses through sin that is not confessed and dealt with.*

It is Jesus who redeems us, we cannot rely on being good enough to save ourselves. **Gal 3:10** *All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written: Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.*

**Obedience is the foundational reason for the blessing of God.**

- Especially when it costs us a lot to obey.

**Gen 22:16** *I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, **I will surely bless you** and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, **because you have obeyed me.***

When Isaac blesses Jacob thinking he was Esau the words were charged with blessing power for the person that was present even though the wrong person was present. The words could not be undone. **Gen 27**

**Gen 12:3** *I will bless those who bless you, and **whoever curses you I will curse**; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you. >> Anti-Semitism results in an automatic curse.*

God pronounces curses - one of His most severe forms of judgement.

When Israel was about to pass into the promised land the Levites were told to pronounce curses:

**Deut 27:15** *Cursed is the man who carves an image or casts an idol— a thing detestable to the LORD, the work of the craftsman's hands— and sets it up in secret.*

This was the first and most significant curse - all forms of occult would be implied. Then dishonouring your parents, moving a neighbour's boundary stone, withholding justice from weak and helpless - the blind the alien, the fatherless or the widow, all forms of wrong sex.

**Jer 17:5** *Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose*

*heart turns away from the LORD. He will be like a bush in the wastelands; he will not see prosperity when it comes. He will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no-one lives.* - Don't trust in man or your own strength but in the Lord.

**Josh 6:26** Joshua curses the man who rebuilds Jericho in 1300BC

**1 Kings 16:34** the sons of the man who rebuilt it die in 800 BC

Racheal had stolen Laban's gods **Gen 31:32**. Whoever has them will not live. Rachael died in childbirth. Jacob had authority to curse and his wife was not excluded from it.

### **Self imposed curses**

Watch what you say in a sudden time of stress or discouragement.

**Matt 27:24** *“let His blood be on us and our children”*

Some people say to themselves my life is not worth living. This invites the spirit of death.

Beware of extreme language - there is power of the spoken word.

I am going down the garden to eat worms. I am falling apart at the seams. I could die for a piece of chocolate cake. It makes your blood run cold just to think about it.

Beware of saying situations are a nightmare. This is an extremely negative word to use. A nightmare is a very frightening situation. Middle English (denoting a female evil spirit thought to lie upon and suffocate sleepers).

### **Signs of curses**

Mental and emotional breakdown in families. Repeated sickness especially in families. Repeated miscarriage. Breakdown of family and family alienation. Continual financial insufficiency. Accident prone. History of unnatural deaths. **Deut 28**

### **Breaking the power of curses**

Recognise, Repent, Renounce & Resist.

1) Understand the scriptural basis for your release **Gal 3:13** (see above) , **1John 3:8** *The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.* **Luke 10:19** *I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome **all** the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.*

2) Confess your faith in Christ.

3) Commit yourself to obedience

4) Confess any known sins of yourself or your ancestors.

5) Forgive all other persons - a decision not an emotion

6) Renounce all contact with the occult, secret societies and get rid of all objects related them eg freemasonry garments.

7) Release yourself :

### **A prayer for release**

Lord Jesus Christ I believe you are the son of God and the only way to God, that you died on the cross for my sins and rose again from the dead. I renounce all my sins (name them) and I turn to you, Lord Jesus, for mercy and for forgiveness and I believe you do forgive me and I want to live for you. I want to hear your voice and do what you tell me. In order to receive Your blessing and to be released from any curse I confess any known sin committed by me or by any of my ancestors or others related to me ... Lord I believe you have forgiven everything I have confessed and Lord now I want to forgive all other people that have harmed me or wronged me. I forgive them now as I would have God forgive me. In particular I forgive ...(name them). Furthermore I renounce any contact by myself or any one related to me with satanic or occult power in any form or any secret society. I thank you Lord that You were made a curse that I might be redeemed from the curse and receive Your blessing. Because of what you did for me on the cross I release myself from every curse and every evil influence or dark shadow over me or my family from any source whatsoever. I release myself now in the name of Jesus. Amen.