

Curses/Hindrances

Overview: The results of sin in our lives impact us more than just severing our fellowship with God. There are resulting curses which become hindrances to the blessings for which Jesus died. The Word of God shows us how to overcome sin and resulting curses and hindrances.

A. What are curses?

1. Definitions

- a. Webster: Prayer or invocation for harm or injury to come upon one; that which is cursed.
- b. Bible: Disobedience to God. Gen 2:16,17
Failure to hear and do. Matt 7:23-27
Result: cursed with a curse. Mal 3:9; Hag 1:3-6
- c. ABC: The effects and tentacles of sin: angry man, Prov 22:24; Prov 29:22
Shechem/Dinah, Gen 34:2-3

2. Components of Sin

- a. It breaks your fellowship with God. 1 John 1:6-9
- b. It opens the door to demonic attacks. John 5: 1-14 esp 14
- c. It affects your body and possessions. Mark 2:1-11 esp 9
- d. It affects your relationship with others and with the world. Josh 7 esp v24; Rom 5:12

3. The Origins of Curses

- a. Authority over the earth and all that moves on it. Gen 1:26-28
- b. God-ship of the earth moved from Man (Adam) to satan. 2 Cor 4:4
- c. The earth became cursed because of sin. Gen 3:17
- d. Like Adam, we get to choose life or death. Deut 30:19
- e. That which leads to death is a curse & curses lead to death. Josh 6:17-7:1
- f. Wages of sin is death. Rom 6:23

B. Types of Curses

1. Curse of the Law

- a. The Law (Commandments of God) was given to Moses. Ex 20:1-17
- b. The blessings of obedience & the curses of disobedience to God's Law are clear. Deut 28:1-68
- c. Paul was alive w/o the law but with it, he died; had to be born again (Jn 3:3). Rom 7:9-11
- d. CURE: Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the Law. Gal 3:13
The blood of Jesus sanctifies completely. Heb 10:4,11-23
Fulfill the righteousness of the Law through the Spirit. Matt 5:17; Rom 8:3-4

2. Generational Curses

- a. The sins of the parents go down to the 3rd or 4th generation. Ex 20: 5-6; Ex 34:7
- b. If any of these commit the same sin, then the curse is extended thru the family. Num 14:18
- c. CURE: Death of many thru Adam; curse reversed thru Jesus. 1 Cor 15:20-22; Rom 5:15-19
- d. CURE: Be born again into the family of God. John 3:3

3. Cursed Ground

- a. Because Adam sinned, a curse came upon the ground. Gen 3:17-19
- b. CURE: Tithing gives God permission to bless. 90% w/God better 100% w/out. Mal 3:10,11
- c. CURE: Jesus had a crown of thorns dipped in blood. John 19:5
- d. Because Cain spilled innocent blood, the land is cursed by blood. Num 35:33; Gen 4:10-12
- e. CURE: The land is healed by repentance and prayer. 2 Chron 7:14

4. Word Curses

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| a. Death and Life are in the power of the tongue. | Prov 18:21; 1 Pet 3:10 |
| b. By your words you shall be justified or condemned. | Matt 12:34-37 |
| c. The tongue is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. No man can tame. | James 3:5-8 |
| d. CURE: Affirm Scripture over your tongue. | Psa 19:14 |

C. **Breaking the Power of Curses/Hindrances**

1. There are four steps in removing curses and/or the impact of sins on your life:

a. Repent

Repent of your sins by confessing them to God and in the Name of Jesus determine in your heart never to commit that sin again. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you never again to commit sin.

b. Forgive

In the Name of Jesus, forgive yourself and every person who has participated in the sin or has been affected directly or indirectly through your sin. In the Name of Jesus, remove any negative spiritual bondage which your sin may have produced in their lives.

c. Renounce

Renounce the demonic spirits behind that sin. In the Name of Jesus, declare that you remove their legal right never again to operate in your life based on that sin, because that sin has been forgiven by your Heavenly Father.

d. Break

Pray as follows: "In the Name of Jesus, I break every curse which has been operating in my life because of that sin. From this moment forward, these curses and the memories of that sin will never again return to me nor affect me in any way."

2. A holy lifestyle is crucial for preventing demons from re-entering your life.

- a. Be on the alert for recurring temptations.
- b. Treat all temptations as sins: Repent, renounce and break.

Summary Version

Heavenly Father, in the Name of Jesus, I repent of all my sins and I turn my back on them. In the Name of Jesus, I forgive every person who has participated in this sin or caused me to sin or been affected by this sin. In the Name of Jesus, I renounce Satan and every demon and every evil spirit behind these sins and I take away their legal right to influence me because of these sins. In the Name of Jesus, I break every soul tie and every connection to these sins and to the demons and evil spirits behind them. Amen.

Suggestion: Frequently, throughout the day, confess your sins and pray to break the curses and hindrances.