

CURSES

Let's talk about curses and what the Bible has to say about them. We can find five kinds of curses:

- ☞ Word curses, spoken by ourselves or others;
- ☞ Curses by those who practice witchcraft and sorcery;
- ☞ Curses resulting from consequences of our sin;
- ☞ Curses as a judgment arising out of a broken vow to God;
- ☞ Curses we inherit from our ancestors.

There is so much debate about curses and as to their existence still. Many people say that there are no more curses because Christ has removed them, this is not so and we can see the proof of curses all around us. As a matter of fact, we are told in Revelation "*And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.*" ~ Rev 22:3 In other words there will be curses in affect until Jesus Christ returns to eliminate them.

The following are a few things that are a direct result of the curse of sin. If there were no curses then these things would not exist. Sin brought a curse on the world, the land, the sea, and all that is within them. Looking at Deuteronomy 28 we read the following:

- Mental sickness: Vs 28 - Madness, blindness, and confusion of heart. Vs 20 - Confusion and rebuke on all you do. Vs 34 - driven mad because of the sight of your eyes (the loss of everything)
- Physical sickness: Vs 21 - Plagues in various forms of illnesses on the land and person. Vs 22 - Consumption, fever, inflammation, severe burning fever, the sword, scorching, and mildew. Vs 27 - Boils, tumors, scab, and itch that can't be healed. Vs 35 - knees and legs having severe boils that do not heal from the sole of foot to the top of head. This includes barrenness, female issues, bladder problems, and kidney stones.
- Spiritual sickness: Vs 23 - Heavens above shall be bronze. Prayers will not be heard and the earth shall not yield easily to your labor. Vs 24 - Drought (both in the natural and spiritual)
- Warfare: Vs 25 - Defeated by your enemies, always battling and never winning.
- Loneliness: Vs 26 - Death without honor or burial. Perhaps death in a barren and dry land.
- Poverty and Family division: Vs 28, 29 - Never prospering, only oppressed and plundered constantly. Vs 30 - 33 - Wife laying with another man and children being raised by your enemies. All your labor and riches given to another. Vs 38 - you shall work hard but receive little. Vs 44 - Always borrowing but never able to lend.

- No ambition, vision, direction --

“And thou shalt grope at noonday as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save thee.”

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Deuteronomy.28:29

Some people have no internal vision for their lives nor do they set goals. These people seem to be carried away by lives circumstances. This curse is revealed in those without ambition. They go aimlessly through life. Ambition is a strong desire to make a difference with your life. It's vision, dream, or aspiration to succeed. Those under this curse care less about tomorrow. They are without hope and terribly negative. They “groped” as “blind men” with no direction, always uncertain and full of apathy and luke warmness.

Okay, this all sounds really bad but there is good news!

While it is true that it was woman, Eve, who was deceived first, leading to Adam's disobedience of God's command. **It was also woman who God used to produce the Seed that would eventually lead to mankind's salvation.** It was through the Seed of a woman that God brought through His promises of the Christ. Genesis 4:25 tells us that Eve bore another son named Seth and it was this bloodline that brought forth Jesus Christ. God's mercy and redemptive power is beyond our comprehension. God is always able to bring forth goodness out of desolate destruction.

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed [is] everyone who hangs on a tree"), 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. - Gal 3:13, 14 NKJV

Word Curses

I think we can safely say that there is not one of us who have not fallen short in the area of releasing words of death over ourselves or others at one time or another, even James states “*For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body*” (James 3:2).

Our words are powerful and in them life and death. *Death and life [are] in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit (Prov. 18:21).*

It takes maturing in the things of God and walking by the Spirit of God to reign in our unbridled tongues. The tongue is dangerous and at times harmful for it is full of wickedness! We, especially as Christians, must learn to think before we open our mouths and we must get our tongues under the submission of the Holy Spirit for far too often we curse ourselves and others with it. Every word we speak is significant! Jesus Christ made it clear as well that we will reap the consequences of our tongues; the things we speak will either justify or condemn us.

And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. James 3:8 But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison (James 3:6).

There are, it may be, so many kinds of languages in the world, and none of them is without significance (1 Corinthians 14:10).

But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the Day of Judgment. For by your words you will be justified and by your words you will be condemned (Matt 12:36- 37).