

## 6. Walking in Freedom and Liberty

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Sub-title: Freedom from Curses

- Today is the sixth Sunday in our 40 Day Campaign
  - 6 consecutive Sunday messages & 6 weekly Small Group meetings
  - 40 days of daily Scripture Declaration & Memorisation (liberty truths)
- All resulting in new levels of freedom & liberty in our lives
  - Freedom from bondages, fears & curses
  - Free to fully serve the Lord & one another (1 Peter 2:16, Gal. 5:13)

**Luke 4:17–19 (NKJV)** *He (Jesus) was handed the book of ... Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: **18** “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to **preach the gospel to the poor;** He has sent Me to **heal the brokenhearted,** to **proclaim liberty to the captives** and recovery of sight to the blind, to **set at liberty those who are oppressed;** to **proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.**”*

**Last week’s main points:**

- a. Freedom from Fear
- b. Fear is one of the curses listed in Deuteronomy chpt. 28
- c. God has not given us a spirit of Fear
- d. Freedom from Worry

### **1. Breaking free from Curses**

Today we will speak about three avenues / aspects of curses:

- a. The curse of the law (disobedience to God’s commands)
- b. Curses pronounced against us by others
- c. Self-pronounced curses by our own spoken words

- Curses are real, and their effects can be devastating in people’s lives
- Curses are vehicles of supernatural power against people for evil
- Curses on people open up their lives / family to major demonic activity
- One characteristic feature of curses is that frequently, they carry on operating for generations, until somebody learns how to cut them off
- Many people are subject to curses as a result of what has taken place in their family generations ago (Generational curses, Family curses)

- Once we identify with Jesus Christ by receiving Him as our personal Lord and Saviour, we are redeemed (saved) from every curse

**Galatians 3:13–14 (NKJV) 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.**

- This passage of Scripture speaks about “the blessing” and “the curse”
- (Deuteronomy 28: lists the blessings [14 vss.] and the curses [54 vss.]
- Jesus Christ, through His sacrificial death on the cross (tree), became a curse for us (in our stead, or, on our behalf)
- Once we identify with Jesus Christ by receiving Him as our personal Lord and Saviour, we are redeemed (saved) from every curse
- However, curses in the lives of believers still have to be broken, otherwise they will carry on operating unhindered and unchallenged
- (When God made a covenant with Abraham, Abraham had to drive the vultures away [Genesis 15:11])

## **2. The Blessings and the Curses listed in Deuteronomy chpt. 28**

### Seven forms of the Blessing

(Lists have been supplied by Derek Prince)

- i. Exaltation
- ii. Productiveness (fruitfulness)
- iii. Health
- iv. Victory
- v. Prosperity and success
- vi. Authority (head)
- vii. Above (strength)

### Seven forms of the Curse

- i. Humiliation
- ii. Barrenness
- iii. Sickness of every kind
- iv. Defeat
- v. Poverty and failure
- vi. Helplessness (tail)
- vii. Beneath (weakness)

- The primary cause of all blessings is to listen to God’s voice and do what He says (Deuteronomy 28:1-2)
- The primary cause of all curses is to NOT listen to God’s voice and NOT do what He says, or DO CONTRARY to what He says (Deut. 28:15)

## **3. Seven Marks of a Curse: (According to Derek Prince)**

Derek’s Sermon: Breaking Generational Curses. Pt. 1

“Ministry Training for Breaking Generational Curses” (Youtube)

- i. Mental / Emotional Breakdown
  - ii. Repeated / chronic sickness (hereditary)
  - iii. Female problems
  - iv. Breakdown of marriage / family alienation
  - v. Continual financial insufficiency
  - vi. Being accident prone
  - vii. A history of suicides / unnatural (& untimely) deaths
- Usually, the “delivery vehicle” for blessings or curses are “words” (spoken or written)
  - Curses can also be transmitted through objects (occultic items, symbols)
  - Generational curses come down family lines due to the ancestors’ words and/or evil practices

#### **4. Curses can be pronounced without the word “curse” being used**

- Jesus cursed the fig tree by making a simple, but powerful statement:

**Mark 11:12–14 (NKJV)** *Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He (Jesus) was hungry. 13 And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. 14 In response Jesus said to it, “Let no one eat fruit from you ever again.” And His disciples heard it.*

**Mark 11:21 (NKJV)** *And Peter, remembering, said to Him, “**Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away.**”*

- Jesus uttered a statement of doom & destruction against the fig tree
- Peter called it “a curse”
- Most initiation rites into secret societies & occultic organisations involve statements of doom & destruction against one’s person and / or family
- i.e. Masonic lodge (freemasonry)

#### **5. How to be released from a Curse over one’s Life or Family**

- Always remember the three R’s: Repent, Renounce & Resist

##### **a. Specific Steps to be released from a curse:**

1. Establish a biblical basis for your release (Gal. 3:13-14)

2. Confess your faith in Jesus Christ
3. Commit yourself to obedience
4. Repent of, and confess any known sins (yours, and your ancestors')
5. Forgive all other persons
6. Renounce all contact with the occult
7. Get rid of all occultic objects
8. Release yourself from any curse, in the Name of Jesus Christ

#### **b. Prayer of Release from a Curse:**

“Heavenly Father, I believe that You sent Jesus Christ to save me from the consequences of my sins.

Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that You are the Son of God, and the only Way to God. I believe that You died on the cross for my sins, and that You rose again from the dead.

I also believe that on the cross You were made a curse, with every curse that is due to me, that I might be redeemed from the curse, and enter into the blessing.

Lord, I confess any and all sins, committed by me, or by my ancestors, and I ask your forgiveness.

I also forgive every other person, whoever has harmed me or wronged me, I forgive them as I would have God forgive me. I also forgive myself.

I renounce all contact with the occult in any form, and I commit myself to get rid of any occultic objects in my possession.

And now Lord, having received Your forgiveness by faith, with the authority that I have as a child of God, I now release myself and those under my authority, from any curse over our lives, right now, in the name of Jesus, I declare & command release through the power of the blood of Jesus Christ.

I claim it and I receive it by faith, in the mighty Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

- Praise God now, & thank Him for your freedom & liberty in Christ Jesus
- Once you are released from the curse, confess & expect the blessing of Abraham on your life, family, and on all your endeavours

#### **c. A Confession of the Blessing of Abraham**

“Through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross, I have been released from under the curse, and I have entered into the blessing of Abraham, whom God has blessed in all things”.