

7. Walking in Freedom and Liberty

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Sub-title: How to remain free of Curses in our Lives

- Today is our post-40 Day Campaign Sunday

Luke 4:17–19 (NKJV)... *(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 message main points:

- a. Breaking free from Curses
 - b. The Blessings and the Curses listed in Deuteronomy chpt. 28
 - c. Seven Marks of a Curse: (According to Derek Prince)
 - d. Curses can be pronounced without the word “curse” being used
 - e. How to be released from a Curse over one’s Life or Family
- Today we will study the Scriptures in regards to remaining free from curses, and experience God’s blessing instead
 - To reiterate:
 - The primary way to walk in God’s blessings is to listen to His voice and do what He says (Deuteronomy 28:1-2)
 - The primary cause of all curses is to NOT listen to God’s voice & NOT do what He says (Deuteronomy 28:15)

CAUSES AND SOURCES OF CURSES

Teaching by Derek Prince:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EfhO3bLjRuU&t=50s> (18:10min./sec.)

- The following list of curses proceed from God because of disobedience / disregard to His commands

1. False Gods

Exodus 20:3–6 (NKJV) *You shall have no other gods before Me. 4 You shall not make for yourself a carved image - any likeness of anything that is*

*in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; **5** you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. **For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, **6** but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.***

- Exodus 20:3-5 records the first two of the Ten Commandments
- God demands that we have no other god's before Him
- God is a jealous God. He visits the iniquity of the fathers (ancestors) upon the children (descendants) to the third & fourth generation
- This is considered a "generational curse"
- Remember the three R's: Repent, Renounce, Resist

2. Idolatry (Involvement in the Occult, Magic Arts, etc.)

Deut. 27:15 (NKJV) ‘Cursed is the one who makes a carved or molded image, an abomination to the Lord, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and sets it up in secret.’ ...all the people shall answer and say, ‘Amen!’

- Deut. 27:15-26 lists 12 curses that were pronounced against the Israelites at Mount Ebal, if they were going to disobey God in certain areas
- God utterly forbade them to make images of idols (creatures, etc.), set them up in some shrine and then bow down to them
- If they did, a curse was going to come on them

Acts 19:18–19 (NKJV) And many who had believed came **confessing and telling their deeds. **19** Also, many of **those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all.** And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver.**

3. Dishonour & Disrespect towards Parents

Deuteronomy 27:16 (NKJV) ‘Cursed is the one who treats his father or his mother with contempt.’ “And all the people shall say, ‘Amen!’

- This is the flip side of honouring our father and mother (Exodus 20:12)
- A lack of honour towards one's parents invokes a curse in our lives

4. Treachery against a Neighbour

Deuteronomy 27:17 (NKJV) *'Cursed is the one who moves his neighbor's landmark.'* "And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'"

- God pronounced a curse against those who moved a boundary marker

5. Injustice to the Blind, Weak & Poor

Deuteronomy 27:18–19 (NKJV) *'Cursed is the one who makes the blind to wander off the road.'* "And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'" **19** *'Cursed is the one who perverts the justice due the stranger, the fatherless, and widow.'* "And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'"

6. Illicit / unnatural Sex / Incest

Deuteronomy 27:20–23 (NKJV) *'Cursed is the one who lies with his father's wife, because he has uncovered his father's bed.'* "And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'" **21** *'Cursed is the one who lies with any kind of animal.'* "And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'" **22** *'Cursed is the one who lies with his sister, the daughter of his father or the daughter of his mother.'* "And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'" **23** *'Cursed is the one who lies with his mother-in-law.'* "And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'"

- God pronounced a curse against all those who engaged in illicit & unnatural sex
- This includes (but is not limited to) incest, bestiality, same sex, etc.
- God only blesses sex within the confines of marriage between one man and one woman

Hebrews 13:4 (NKJV) *Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.*

7. Anti-Semitism

Genesis 12:1–3 (NKJV) *Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. 2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."*

- Antisemitism (speaking and / or acting against the Jewish people will automatically invoke a curse from God

8. Depending on Flesh (human ability)

Jeremiah 17:5–7 (NKJV) *Thus says the Lord: “**Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart departs from the Lord.** 6 For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when good comes, but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land which is not inhabited. 7 “Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is the Lord.*

Jeremiah 17:5 (NLT) ... *Cursed are those who put their trust in mere humans, who rely on human strength & turn their hearts away from the Lord.*

- God always wants us to trust in Him instead of turning our hearts away from Him towards human strength

9. Stealing / Perjury

Zechariah 5:1–4 (NLT) *I looked up again and saw a scroll flying through the air. 2 “What do you see?” the angel asked. “I see a flying scroll,” I replied. “It appears to be about 30 feet long and 15 feet wide.” 3 Then he said to me, “**This scroll contains the curse that is going out over the entire land. One side of the scroll says that **those who steal will be banished from the land**; the other side says that **those who swear falsely will be banished from the land.**** 4 And this is what the Lord of Heaven’s Armies says: **I am sending this curse into the house of every thief and into the house of everyone who swears falsely using my name.** And my curse will remain in that house and completely destroy it—even its timbers and stones.”*

10. Stinginess toward God

Malachi 3:8–10 (NKJV) *“Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings. 9 **You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me,** even this whole nation. 10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,” Says the Lord of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.*

- God expects us to honour Him with tithes and offerings
- A failure to do so will invoke a curse in our lives