

STUDY NOTES FROM KAREN HOERDEL'S "DOORWAYS TO THE DEVIL" TEACHING SERIES

Curses Part I

According to the Word of God in Proverbs 26:2 - A curse has a cause:

- spoken (by self or others)
- witchcraft/occult
- sin (yours or ancestors')

Ephesians 4:26-27 - forgive/repent

Galatians 3:10-13 - appropriate

Exodus 20:5

Numbers 33:55

Deuteronomy 7:1-2, 5, 12-26

Deuteronomy 11: 16-29, 31 Gerizim is fertile = blessing Ebal is barren = cursing

Deuteronomy 12: 1-3

Deuteronomy 13: 6-11

Deuteronomy 27: 11-16

Deuteronomy 28: 1-2, 15

Deuteronomy 29: 19-20

Deuteronomy 30: 19-20

READ ALL OF DEUTERONOMY CHAPTERS 27 THROUGH 30

Prayer Examples For Breaking Of Curses (to be prayed aloud):

In the name of Jesus Christ, I now rebuke, break and loose myself and my family from any and all evil curses, fetishes, charms, vexes, hexes, spells, every jinx, all psychic powers, sorcery, bewitchments, enchantments, witchcraft, love potions and psychic prayers which have been put upon us, back to Adam and Eve on both sides of the family. I break, rebuke and loose myself from any connected or related demons; from any person or persons or any occult or psychic sources. I ask You, Father, to return them to the senders. In Jesus' Name. Amen. (Genesis 12:3, 28; 27:29, Deuteronomy 30:7, Psalm 109: 17-19).

Father, in the Name of Jesus, I thank you that I am your child and I have been purchased by the blood of Jesus. I thank you that you became a curse for me when you shed your precious blood on Calvary. I enter into the victory that you won for me and I take back what the devil has stolen from me in the Name of Jesus. Father, please forgive me for the sins of me and my forefathers (name each). I renounce them in the Name of Jesus. In the Name of Jesus I break all curses that came upon me and my family line as a result of my disobedience or the disobedience of any of my ancestors. I renounce any oaths that I or my ancestors ever made to any false god, idol, cult or false religion such as (name each). I break the curse of idolatry off of me and my family in the Name of Jesus. In Jesus' Name, I break the power of every spoken curse such as (name each spoken curse) of evil words that came forth from my mouth or anyone else's mouth which has had a wrong effect upon my life. I close all those doors that have been opened to Satan and in the Name of Jesus I command every evil spirit which has come through the door of a curse to leave me now. Thank You, Lord, that whoever the Son sets free shall be free, indeed. I claim my victory in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

Curse = Uttering a wish of evil against anyone; to call for mischief or injury to fall upon; to bring evil upon or to vex, harass or torment

Biblical definition: God's recompense upon the iniquity of the fathers unto the bosom of the children causing sorrow of heart and opening the door for evil spirits, giving them a legal right to persecute and destroy lives

Genesis 3:14-19 - curse through sin

Genesis 4:1-7, 11-12 - Cain; vagabond see Psalm 109:5-14, 17-19

Genesis 12: 1-3 - curse of anti-Semitism

Exodus 20:5; 34:7; Numbers 14:18 - sins of the fathers

Deuteronomy 18:9-13; Isaiah 47:12-14 - witchcraft and occult

Jeremiah 17:5-8 - arm of flesh

Malachi 3:9-12 - giving (Luke 6:38; II Corinthians 9:6)

Mark 11: 13-14, 20-21 - fruitless (Matthew 21:17; Luke 13:6)

I Corinthians 16:22 - not loving the Lord

Galatians 1:6-9 - another gospel

Revelation 22:3 - no more curse

Seven Indications of a Curse:

Through personal observation and experience, I compiled the following list of seven problems indicating that a curse is at work. When I compared my list with that of Moses in Deuteronomy 28, I was impressed by the close correlation between them.

1. Mental and/or emotional breakdown
2. Repeated or chronic sicknesses (especially if hereditary)
3. Barrenness, a tendency to miscarry or related female problems
4. Breakdown of marriage and family alienation
5. Continuing financial insufficiency
6. Being "accident-prone"
7. A history of suicides and unnatural or untimely deaths

TYPES OF CURSES

Curses through sin (Genesis 3:14-20)

Curse of the Law (Galatians 3:10; Deuteronomy 28; Galatians 5:1; 22-23; Hebrews 10:26-31)

Sins of the Fathers' (Numbers 14:18; Exodus 20:5)

Curse of illegitimate birth (Deuteronomy 23:2)

Curses of contact with witchcraft and occult things (Deuteronomy 18:9-13; Revelation 21:8; Revelation 22:15)

Curses from words

Broken vows (Jonah 2:9; Numbers 30:2; Galatians 3:15)

Words (yours or others) (James 3:1-12; Proverbs 12:13-14; Romans 12:14) spoken through emotional reviling. People get mad at us and begin to make negative pronouncements upon us or we upon them.

Words spoken to you as a child by your parents or others. Parents' confessions about their children are very detrimental. (You are dumb, stupid, fat, lazy, ugly, skinny, you will never amount to anything, you are good for nothing, etc.) A child hears, begins to believe what he hears, agrees with it, speaks it and then a stronghold is developed. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." (Proverbs 23:7)

Refuse to speak negative words about yourself or others. When someone speaks something negative about you, refuse to receive it and renounce it in the Name of Jesus.

Curses through disobedience and disorder

Family disorder (Malachi 4:6; Proverbs 3:33)

Church disorder and disobedience (Malachi 2:2; Jeremiah 17:5; Acts 13:40; Galatians 3:1)

Giving (robbing God of offerings) (Malachi 3:9)

Doing the Lord's work negligently (Jeremiah 48:10)

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any curses spoken upon you by others, yourself or that have come upon you as a result of your sin.

From the following list of Biblical curses, please note those that have been characteristic of YOUR LIFE or of YOUR FAMILY TREE and be mindful that curses can continue on from generation to generation (passed down through the family tree) until the victory Jesus won for us at Calvary is appropriated in our lives. PLEASE ASK THE LORD TO FORGIVE YOU FOR EACH OF THE THINGS LISTED THAT APPLY TO YOU AND YOUR LIFE; NAMING EACH ONE SPECIFICALLY. (Deuteronomy 21:22-23 states "any sin worthy of death is cursed of God." Also, Proverbs 26:2 "As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come.")

Disobedience to the Voice of God and to His Commandments and Statutes.

(Deuteronomy 28:15-68; Revelation 22:7; Hebrews 10:26-31; Galatians 3:10; Galatians 3:18,22; I Corinthians 16:22; John 14:15; Psalm 81:15; Deuteronomy 11:28; Daniel 9:11; Jeremiah 11:3)

Those who curse or mistreat the true Israelites (also Christians, who are spiritual Jews). (Genesis 27:29; 12:13, 17; Psalm 109; Romans 2:28-29; Romans 9:6-8; Galatians 6:13-16)

Idolatry (includes false religions, worship of false gods, Freemasonry, Indian or Gypsy ancestry, Eastern religions, Buddhism, occult, etc.). (Jeremiah 44:8; Deuteronomy 29:17-29; Psalm 81:15; Exodus 20:5, 7; Deuteronomy:8-9; Revelation 9:20-21; Exodus 22:20; Matthew 5:34-37; Leviticus 5:4, 5; James 5:12; Roans 12:17-20)

Those who keep or own cursed objects (for example, your idols or someone else's idols, runes, amulets, talismans, occult literature, objects used in occult activities, unicorns, Buddhas, goat or ram heads, fetishes, etc.). (Deuteronomy 7:25; Joshua 6:18; Acts 19:19)

Those who refuse to come to the Lord's help. Those who will not fight. (Judges 5:23)

The house of the wicked. (Proverbs 3:33)

He who does not give to the poor. (Proverbs 28:27)

Thieves and those who swear falsely. (Zechariah 5:3, 4; Proverbs 15:27)

He who says to the wicked, "You are righteous." (Proverbs 24:24)

Priests (also Christians, see Revelation 1:6) who fail to give glory to God. (Malachi 2:1-7)

Those who rob God of tithes and offerings. (Malachi 3:8-11; Luke 6:38; I Corinthians 9:6)

Those who harken to their wives rather than God. (Genesis 3:17; Ephesians 5:23-24)

Those who lightly esteem their parents or treat them with contempt. (Deuteronomy 27:16; Leviticus 20:9)

Those who make graven images. (Deuteronomy 27:15; Exodus 20:4; Deuteronomy 5:8; Revelation:20-21)

Those who willfully cheat people out of their property or move a landmark (Deuteronomy 27:17; Zechariah 5:3-4). This would also include what we have done to the Native American Indian and the African American.

Adding to or taking away from the Word of God. (Revelation 22:18-19; Galatians 1:6-10)

Those who take advantage of the blind (also spiritually blind). (Deuteronomy 27:18; Luke 17:1,2)

Those who oppress strangers, widows, or the fatherless. (Deuteronomy 27:19; Exodus 22:22-24)

He who lies with his father's wife, mother-in-law, sister, brother, father, daughter, aunt, uncle, cousin, sister-in-law, etc. (incest). (Deuteronomy 27:20-23; Leviticus 20:11-12, 14; Leviticus 20:17-21; I Corinthians 5:1-5)

He who lies with any animal. (Deuteronomy 27:21; Leviticus 20:15-16; Exodus 22:19)

Those who smite their neighbors (Hebrew definition: can be neighbor but usually means someone very close, husband, wife, mother, father, sister or brother) (also slander). (Deuteronomy 27:24; Matthew 7:1-5; Luke 6:36-37; Romans 12:14; James 3:8-10)

Those who take money to slay the innocent. (Deuteronomy 27:25)

Adulterers (physical and spiritual). (Leviticus 20:10; Job 24: 15-18; Deuteronomy 22:22-27; Numbers 5:27; Matthew 5:32; Luke 16:18; II Corinthians 11:1-4; James 4:4; Hosea chapters 3 and 4)

Those who trust in man (the power of the flesh) and not the Lord. (Jeremiah 17:5; Galatians 3:1, 2)

Those who do the Lord's work deceitfully and negligently. (Jeremiah 48:10; Malachi 1:6-14; 2:1-17)

Him who keeps back his sword from blood (for example: spiritual warfare). (Jeremiah 48:10; I Kings 20:35-42; Jeremiah 42; Proverbs 12:24)

Those who reward evil for good. (Just one example of this would be is someone asks for your forgiveness and you would refuse to forgive. (Proverbs 17:13; Psalm 7:3-5)

Illegitimate children. (Deuteronomy 23:2)

Children born from incestuous unions. (Genesis 19:36-38; Deuteronomy 23:3)

Murder (also with words, hate, etc.). (Exodus 21:12; I John 3:15; Matthew 5:21, 22; Numbers 35:16)

To murder with premeditation. (includes abortion) (Exodus 21:14; Deuteronomy 27:25)

Those who curse (or speak against) their parents; children who strike their parents. (Exodus 21:15, 17; Proverbs 30:17)

Kidnappers. (Exodus 21:16; Deuteronomy 24:7; Zechariah 5:3, 4)

Those who cause the unborn to die (also abortion). (Exodus 21:22-23)

Those who do not prevent death. (Exodus 21:29)

Those who sacrifice to false gods. (Exodus 22:20; Psalm 31:6; Ezekiel 23:49; Deuteronomy 17:2-7)

Those who are involved in witchcraft (also rebellion). (Exodus 22:18; I Samuel 15:23; Deuteronomy 18:10-12; Leviticus 19:26; Revelation 21:8; Revelation 9:20, 21)

Those who attempt to turn anyone away from the Lord (for example: stumbling blocks). (Deuteronomy 13:6-10; Luke 17:2; Revelation 18)

Those who follow horoscopes. (Deuteronomy 17:2-7; Jeremiah 10:2-5)

False prophets. (Deuteronomy 18:20-22; Jeremiah 23; Ezekiel 33:30 - Ezekiel 34:31; Deuteronomy 13:1-5)

Women who do not keep their virginity until they are married. (Deuteronomy 22:13-21)

Parents who do not discipline their children but honor them above God. (I Samuel 2:17;

27-36; 3:12-14; I Samuel 4:17-18)

Those who curse their rulers. (Exodus 22:28; Ecclesiastes 10:20; Acts 23:25; Romans 13:105)

Those who teach rebellion against the Lord. (Jeremiah 28:16-17)

Those who refuse to warn others of sin. (Ezekiel 3:18-21; Ezekiel 14:7-11; Jeremiah 48:10)

Those who are willing deceivers. (Joshua 9:22, 23; Jeremiah 48:10; Malachi 1:14; Genesis 27:12)

The proud. (Psalm 119:21; Proverbs 15:25; Proverbs 16:5; Matthew 23:12)

Those who practice sorcery (magic). (Exodus 22:18; I Samuel 15:23; Deuteronomy 18:10-12; Leviticus 19:26; Revelation 21:8; Revelation 22:15)

Those who sacrifice human beings or put their children through the fire (also includes parents teaching their children to live after the world). (Leviticus 20:2-4; Deuteronomy 18:9-12; Psalm 106:33-37)

Participants in séances and fortune telling. (Leviticus 20:6; Deuteronomy 18:9-12; Isaiah 47:12-15; II Kings 21:5-6)

Homosexual and lesbian relationships. (Leviticus 20:13; Revelation 21:7-8; I Corinthians 6:9; Romans 1:18-32; 2:1-6; Deuteronomy 21:18-21 which speaks of rebellious children)

Necromancers (those who communicate with the dead and fortune tellers). (Leviticus 20:27; II Kings 21:5, 6; I Chronicles 10:13-14; Acts 16:16-18)

Those who blaspheme the Lord's Name or curse God. (Leviticus 24:15-16; Mark 3:29)

Those who are carnally minded. (Romans 8:6-7)

Rebellious child/children. (Deuteronomy 21:18-21; II Timothy 3:2-9)

Pray!

WHAT ARE THE SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES BY WHICH CURSES OPERATE?

No curse without a cause. Proverbs 26:2b

Sin opens the door for curses to enter. Jeremiah 11:3,4

A curse is a spiritual problem and cannot be remedied by natural means. Malachi 3:8-12
The sin root must be removed through repentance and obedience before the curse can be lifted. Matthew 18:21-35

The power of a curse is Satanic and demonic. Genesis 3:14,15; 4:1-7; I Samuel 16:14; II Corinthians 10:3-5

The law provided no remedy for curses. Galatians 3:10; Exodus 20:5; Deuteronomy 32:2; Joshua 7:24,25; Hebrews 12:17

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law. He became our Substitute by taking the penalty upon Himself. Galatians 3:13; I Peter 2:24

Christ's provision must be appropriated. The full provision of the cross is not encompassed by the new birth at salvation. Healing and deliverance are also provisions of His atonement (Matthew 8:16,17). Beware of deception in thinking that a Christian cannot be under a curse or have a demon. Grace does not mean that one can sin with impunity. Grace means that God has provided a remedy.

HOW CAN ONE BE SET FREE FROM THE CURSES OF DISOBEDIENCE?

Through the word of your testimony (Revelation 12:11; 17). The testimony of Christ is your confession that Jesus Christ is the Son of God who became Flesh; He committed no sin; He laid down His life on the cross; arose from the dead; ascended into Heaven and is coming again in all of His glory.

Repent of all your sins of disobedience (known and unknown), asking God to forgive you through Jesus Christ.

Accept God's forgiveness of your sins and forgive yourself.

Renounce the sins of your forefathers.

Forgive all others who have ever wronged or hurt you.

Renounce all contact with anything occult or Satanic. Destroy all associated paraphernalia.

Call upon the Lord Jesus Christ to deliver you.

Cast out every demon or curse in the Name of Jesus. Be as specific as possible. Note: as a believer, you have authority to cast out demons.

Receive the blessing. Walk in obedience to God, and ask those in authority over you (for example: fathers, husbands, pastors) to bless you. The Levitical blessing prescribed by God is recommended:

*The Lord bless thee and keep thee:
The Lord make His face shine upon thee,
And be gracious unto thee:
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee,
And give thee peace. (Numbers 6:22-26)*

DISOBEDIENCE CURSES

By Frank Hammond

The Bible identifies sixty-six specific sins which result in curses. Although the list is very informative, it is not intended to provide a complete inventory on sin curses. In fact, any

disobedience to God's commandments merits a curse: "*CURSED IS THE MAN WHO DOES NOT UPHOLD THE WORDS OF THIS LAW BY CARRYING THEM OUT.*" (Deuteronomy 27:26).

Many of God's people are struggling against adversities and evils in their lives, not recognizing that their problems are due to sin curses. The big door through which curses enter is labeled "SIN". Sin is disobedience to God's commandments, and partial obedience is disobedience. Remember King Saul. When he was partially obedient, God declared that his rebellion was as the sin of witchcraft.

How can one know if he is under a curse? First of all, has one despised God, refusing to hearken to His voice? God's blessings come to those who are doers of His Word. But curses come upon all who "*will not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all His commandments and His statutes.*" (Deuteronomy 18:15).

As a starter, disobedience to God includes idolatry (including books and objects in one's possession that are directly associated with the works of Satan); occult practices; disrespect and disobedience toward parents; injustice, hardness and oppression of the weak (widows, orphans and the handicapped); perverted sexual activity of all types (bestiality, incest, homosexuality and adultery); anti-Semitism; legalism; carnality; lying and stealing; oaths and pledges that invoke curses or bind one in unholy soul ties (such as are encountered in lodges, fraternities and sororities).

Secondly, a person can compare his life with the blessings God has promised to those who love Him. If one is not blessed, he is cursed. How does your life measure up to the blessings enumerated in Deuteronomy 28:1-14? Are you "set on high" by God? A lender and not a borrower? The head and not the tail? Is your life characterized by fruitfulness? Do you prosper - coming and going? Are you free from the harassment of enemies - both natural and spiritual? Is your life a success? Is your relationship with God gratifying - knowing and fulfilling His purposes? These are earmarks of a blessed life. If one is not enjoying the blessings then he is suffering the curse. There is not in-between.

A third way to determine if curses are in operation is to look for the effects of curses. Common effects are poverty, barrenness, pestilence, chronic sickness, failure, defeat, humiliation, insanity, torment, perpetual traumas, spiritual hindrances and domination by others.

More on Curses...

"Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the Law, being made a curse for us."
(Galatians 3:13)

The Apostle Paul said in I Corinthians 16:22, "*If anyone does not love the Lord, let him be accursed.*" In the 14th chapter of John, Jesus said that obedience proves our love for Him. Psalms 81:15 says that those who hate the Lord pretend obedience to Him.

A curse has been defined as: uttering a wish of evil against anyone; to imprecate evil; to call for mischief or injury to fall upon; to execrate, to bring evil upon or to blast, vex, harass or torment with great calamities.

The Bible refers to us as trees (Psalm 1; Matthew 7:17-20). Jesus said that good trees produce good fruit and bad trees produce bad fruit. Because the fig tree in Mark 11:13-14, 20-21 was fruitless, Jesus spoke a curse upon it. Let there be no doubt that curses are real today, causing many problems in the lives of Christians. Revelation 22:3 tells us when the curses will end (at the end of the age).

The Scriptures teach us that death and life are in the power of the tongue and there is no neutral word. God watches over His Word to perform it and, when we speak words that do not line up with the Word of God, then we are speaking death. Words are more than just sounds on the lips. Words are agents sent forth for good or evil. (Read James 3:1-12; Proverbs 12:13-14; Proverbs 11:9; Proverbs 18:20-21; Proverbs 15:4; Proverbs 10:11, 21; Proverbs 21:23; Proverbs 12:6, 18; Matthew 12:34-37; Mark 7:15).

Read Deuteronomy 27 through 30 about the blessings and curses. These blessings and curses were set in motion by being spoken aloud (Deuteronomy 27:13-26). Jesus Christ died on the cross to give us salvation and to become a curse for us; yet, we are not automatically saved. To be saved we have to enter into covenant with the Lord Jesus Christ by repenting of our sins and by making Him Lord and Master of our lives. Although we received the Holy Spirit at the time of our conversion, we are also not automatically filled or baptized with the Holy Spirit. We have to ask for it. As believers, we must appropriate His victory in our lives as we are to enjoy the benefits. Let me illustrate. Someone can bequeath you a fortune but very often you must go through quite a few steps before it is experientially yours. Someone may contest your claim. It is one thing to have the legal right and another thing to have the experiential enjoyment. Satan is a crooked lawyer on the other side who will do everything he can to cheat you out of what is rightfully yours in Christ. Jesus left you so much more than a fortune but how much are you actually enjoying? Let me put it another way. Suppose someone deposited a million dollars into your checking account at the bank. Would it do you any good if you failed to write a check on the account even though the money was legally yours? Of course, it wouldn't. We have to know our legal rights and assert our claims.

Many Christians are missing out on the abundant life that Jesus died to give them because of a lack of knowledge of God's Word. God says, "My people perish (are destroyed) for lack of knowledge." (Hosea 4:6; Proverbs 11:9).

There are some who would say that, since Jesus became a curse for us, Christians cannot have curses. Deuteronomy 28 clearly teaches that sickness and confusion are curses; yet, we know Christians can get sick today and live their lives in confusion. I Corinthians 11:27-32 says that, if we take the Lord's supper with sin in our lives, we can get sick, weak or even die. That is not a blessing but it is God's judgment against sin which is all that curses are.

To summarize, just as mentioned previously; Jesus did die at Calvary for salvation and became a curse for us, and our sin, yet, many people are not saved. Why? They have not appropriated, taken, received, believed, what Jesus has accomplished for all. We must believe in order to be saved, we must know and come to understand what our inheritance in Christ is and we must receive it by faith. We do not just have these blessings "happen" to us; we have a part in our relationship with Christ. And in so doing, we are able to discern curses and be set free from their bondage. Let us study the Scriptures, pray and be filled with His Holy Spirit, the Spirit who "teaches us all things" according to God's Word. (John 14:26).

Jesus said: *“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”*
(John 10:10)